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from my home and on the value of my investment in my home in the city of Albany."

Whether or not to eliminate the Pierce Street ramps is "only partially negotiable" at this late date, according to Mayor Bill Cain.

"We intend to look into improving access at Pierce and Buchanan, but Caltrans has assured us that the design is fixed," he said.

Caltrans is sticking by federal and state freeway standards dictating a minimum of one mile between interchanges. It is appoximately one mile from the Buchanan interchange to Central Avenue in Richmond.

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"We have some leverage, but to succeed we have to be more realistic in what requirements we can place on Caltrans as the price of getting a freeway agreement," he said.

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A decrease in crime on Pierce is cited by proponents as one benefit of closing the ramps.

"There are a lot of security issues down there, mainly auto burglary and thefts," said Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo. Of the 36 car thefts in Albany so far this year, 22 occurred on Pierce Street, he said. Closing of the ramps would make Pierce "far less attractive to opportunistic individuals" who take advantage of the easy-on-easy-off ramps next to the freeway to break into and steal cars, Murdo said.

Gateview residents who stand ready to cooperate in solving Pierce

Gateview residents who stand ready to cooperate in solving Pierce Street traffic problems, according to their petition, will have the chance at a public meeting the council will hold prior to signing a final agreement with Caltrans.

City employees glad to have jobs

Pay increases out this year. but situation could be worse

By Dawn Frasieur

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EL CERRITO — The formerly 15-member work crew is down to five. There hasn't been a raise in two years. But Bob Dangles, park maintenance supervisor for the city of El Cerrito, says things aren't as bad as they could be.

"I went to a meeting in Santa Clara yesterday," said Dangles, who is the chapter chairman for local 790. "They're expecting (dozens of) layoffs; I met one man who's been with the city 10 years, and he's on the hit list."

It was partly because El Cerrito employees have observed what's happening in other cities that they've agreed to another Memorandum of Understanding that includes no salary increases this year,

said Dangles.
"Some cities are being hit with layoffs and pay cuts. We took our layoffs last year; at least now we're maintaining what we have."

The public works crew lost two people last year through layoffs. Combined with positions left vacant by retiring employees and by those with seniority who were

those with seniority who were moved to other positions in the city ("bumping" other employees with less seniority), the crew dropped in size from 15 to five (four employees plus the supervisor).

"It's actually more like 3-1/2 positions (for the four crew members)," said Dangles, who has worked for the city for 32 years. He estimates that the high-seniority crew has about five months of vacation this year between them, thus reducing the work force even further.

"I feel we're down as far as we can go," he said.
According to Community Services Manager Joel Witherell, the smaller staff means that some work is contracted out but mostly that many maintenance projects have

As far as the renewed contract goes, "We feel lousy about it. Who wouldn't?" says Dangles. But recognizing these are "tough times," he said the employees are willing to leave things as they are.

The city has agreed, in return, that any salary increases to management or other employees will also be given to employees in the

This was a change in the strategy This was a change in the strategy planned out last year, Administrative Services Manager Jim Randall told the City Council Monday night. At that time, he said, the "primary strategy" was to cap medical expenses. With the decision to seek

See CONTRACT, page 16

County sues redevelopment agency; negotiations ongoing

EL CERRITO -EL CERRITO — Contra Costa County has filed a lawsuit against the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. Redevelopment manager Gerry Raycraft thinks the county has made a mistake in doing so because, he says, it's just not necessary.

According to Raycraft, the

redevelopment agency and the county are in the middle of negotiating concerning what share of benefits the county will receive from current redevelopment projects. He believes the negotiations will be settled before any lawsuit actually takes place and that the main reason the county filed was to "beat the statute of See LAWSUIT, page 16

Hearing slated to resolve tree dispute

By Dave Green

The cry of "Woodman spare those trees!" is ringing out again in

Albany.
The trees in question are two large camphor trees on the east side of Carmel Avenue, at Portland Avenue, across from Memorial

Walter and Janet Sears, who reside on this corner at 1427 Portland Ave., have been issued a per-

'I do not want the Department of Public Works to become a logging company'

—STEPHEN KAUFFMANN PARK AND REC COMMISSION

mit by the Public Works Department to remove the trees on the grounds that Mrs. Sears is highly allergic to them.

But neighbors intent on saving

the trees collected 32 signatures on a petition and have filed an appeal which will be heard by the Albany Park and Recreation Commission

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — The Smart & Final Stores Corporation has rejected the offer of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency to guarantee the company a seven-year period during which the agency would not exercise its eminent domain authority on the Discount Mart property where it hopes to build a Smart & Final store.

The company had originally requested a 10-year period during which it could reject any development on the property. Since it has been projected, however, that in seven years redevelopment funding would be available to "go after the site for a project," according to Redevelopment Manager Gerry Raycraft, the agency would only agree to seven years at its Feb. 1

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By Dawn Frasieur

in a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 15, in the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.

This will be the first test of the provision which permits removal of a tree on the grounds that it is causing a severe allergy problem, according to Director of Public Works Ron Lefler. The provision was added to the department's policy and procedures for the removal of street trees in January 1991 revision, Lefler said.

Should the Park and Recreation Commission turn down the appeal to save the large, healthy, camphor trees, it can be brought before the Albany City Council for a final decision.

decision.

Feeling in the neighborhood has run high with the petition to save the trees terming their removal "an aesthetic disaster," and asserting that, "they do a great deal to conceal a house which the owners have caused to look like a mobile home.

The netting rose on to charge

The petition goes on to charge that, "Without the trees we would have this house standing out like a sore thumb. The vinyl siding and chain link fence do not fit in with the architectural ambience of the area and without the trees each of area, and without the trees each of our properties is diminished in

See TREES, page 16

City reconsiders Smart & Final terms



Walter Sears says the trees have cost him \$2,000 in medical bills

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oted unanimously to bill and stated an interest endment included any local adopted or-aling with "the sale of

ito's resolution refers to availability of firearms,

which continue to extract "a heavy which continue to extract a heavy toll on our society and its institutions, visiting mayhem, death, destruction, and grief upon our young people, families, schools and neighborhoods."

El Cerrito City Councilmember

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Norman LaForce suggested to the
council that El Cerrito go one step
further in requiring \$1 million in
liability insurance from gun dealers since, he said, they can be held
liable for any damages that result
when a gun has been sold in violation of state or federal law.

La Force said that a citizen
brought the liability to his attention, as well as the insurance requirement already adopted in some

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He later said that with the positive response of Mayor Mae Ritz and Vice-mayor Jane Bartke (Councilmembers Norma Jellison and Cathie Kosel were not present at the council meeting), he will now be pursuing the possibility of such an ordinance in El Cerrito through discussions with city attorney Howard Stern.

Giant retailer insists a 10-year guarantee on property is crucial

> It took the corporation board several weeks to meet. But at the end of March, said Smart & Final's real estate area manager Matthew Heslin, the board met and rejected the offer.

The company did conditionally approve the building of a new store at the El Cerrito site, however, should the agency reconsider and allow the company 10 years at the site with no fear of agency condemication through its rower of emissions. nation through its power of eminent domain

"We need 10 years for amortiza-tion purposes," said Heslin, noting that the company expects to spend \$1 million on upgrading the facil-

"We can't do that for just seven years," he said, adding that the ex-

tra time is also necessary to build up good will in the community. In business since 1871 and with 125 stores, the company's experience has been that 10 years is an appropriate amount of time in which to do so.

Staff is now recommending that the company be given the requested 10 years to establish itself.

"The bottom line is that there's

so much uncertainty about the future," said Raycraft. "We can't

predict what the economy will be like or whether there will be a developer who'll be interested in the property. It's all speculative."

Should nothing occur for some time, he said, the current Discount Mart building (which the owner definitely plans to vacate) could just continue to deteriorate, causing more problems for the city.

This way, he said, at least some-

See RETAILER, page 16

Citizens sought to advise on redevelopment

EL CERRITO — The deadline for application to the new Redevelopment Advisory Committee has been extended to April 22. Residents and business persons from one of the redevelopment project areas are particularly sought for participation in the committee.

The purpose of the committee is to review and recommend goals

and objectives for the redevelopand objectives for the redevelopment program and to review development proposals for which Redevelopment Agency participation has been requested. The RAC will function in an advisory capacity for the implementation of the redevelopment plan amendment. It is expected that the committee will meet one evening each month. Call 215-4380 for information.

Letters to the Editor

Non-essential enforcement?

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As one concerned about increasing violent crime in Albany and vicinity, I found it interesting to read about Albany traffic officer Mike Barham ticketing Meals on Wheels delivery cars as well as other nitpicking "law enforcement" activities.

Any guesses as to who ticketed Julie Winkelstein's husband? (Page 6, April 1 Journal). Were these reports some kind of obscure April Fool's joke? Or was this the same "diligent" officer who made a contractor working on my house move his truck because it was across the sidewalk in my driveway (and returned 10 minutes later to make sure the truck really was moved.)

It's nice to know that as Albany is squeezed more and more by Prop 13 cutbacks there is at least one city payroll position which can be cut without harming our safety and welfare.

Larry Pagel

What's fair for one...

I have just finished reading the article in the Albany School Notes section of your April 1 edition and unless this is an April Fools Day joke, am outraged that the Albany Chief of Police would "clear" the traffic ticket "clear" the traffic ticket of someone who had obviously broken the law. Doing something illegal for "just a minute" doesn't make it any less illegal or any more justifiable, regardless of the reason. If the ticket was issued legally, the Chief should back up his officer on that point, and uphold the law. If there was a problem with the officer's demeanor (which is subject to interpretation), address that point. How does clearing this ticket look to all the others who have received tickets and have accepted responsibility for their infractions and paid their fines?

A public already anotheric

A public already apathetic toward law enforcement officers are only made more hostile by stories like these that show that others have received unfair and inequitable advantages. Our law enforcement officers need our respect and the more the public is forced to apathy by this and other politically motivated actions, the harder it is for these courageous officers to do their jobs. se courageous officers to do their jobs effectively

Marcia Pytel

Liked the letter

Editor:

Norma Jellison's brilliant factual letter on the true value of Redevelopment to the budget stability and quality of life of El Cerrito was in marked contrast to the fantasy spun by the coordinator of the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance.

We friends of El Cerrito are immensely in her debt as we are to Cathy Kosel, our mayor, other council members, and an outstanding underpayed administrative staff.

Their behavior contrasts so dramatically with that of the so-called El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance.

Do hope those El Cerritans who have been hoodwinked by the Alliance and its Jarvis/Gann buddies have a change of heart. All they need to do is to write the Redevelopment Agency, stating they have been ill-advised and that they withdraw their opposition to the Redevelopment Amendment.

Gent accepts TV spot

Editor:
In the March 18 Journal, there appeared a Letter to the Editor from Councilmember Cathy Kosel in response to my criticism of her show, "Crosstalk" which aired shortly before the March 2 election. My criticism was based on the fact that the show, which had been announced in The Journal as a "debate" on the ballot measures at hand had been, in truth, one-sided and had-not included a guest of an opposing viewpoint. Ms. Kosel responded by inviting me to appear as a guest on her show which

an opposing viewpoint, as a guest on her show which was to be taped on March 24.

I called and informed her that I could not possibly spare any time until after April 1 and a tentative date of April 14 was established.

Cathy's March 24 show, which was aired on March 25 and March 28, included as her guests Redevelopment Agency Chairperson Norma Jellison and Community Development Director Patrick O'Keeffe. During the course of that show, some absolutely untrue and unfounded statements were

Therefore, I accept Cathy's invitation to appear on April 14, on the condition that I will be her only on April 14, on the condition that I will be her only guest. I am sure that Cathy, as the past chairperson and a current member of the Redevelopment Agency, as well as a City Council member who voted in favor of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment, is thoroughly familiar with its contents and can, therefore, call upon her own expertise to debate a private citizen on a one-on-one basis.

As to the article in the current news regarding Richard Gamn's request to defend against derogatory statements made against the Gann Committee during the March 24 taping, I suggest that Cathy deal directly with him.

I await Ms. Kosel's reply.

Beverley Gent

Shively resigns

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany City Councilmember Elizabeth

Baker.

Tendered herewith is my resignation from the Albany Waterfront Committee. My term as chair of that committee ended last Thursday, April 1 with the election of a new chair. I chose not to run for chair again, a decision that I had announced at the previous committee meeting on March 4.

I have little hope that the committee will address the most important issues confronting the city about the waterfront, given the present attitude of the committee.

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There is a group of the more recent appointees to the committee who have blocked consideration of alternatives to the race track. They have been misled into believing that any consideration of even very limited development in lieu of the racetrack is environmentally the wrong thing to do. They have been misled into believing that is the correct interpretation of the 1990 waterfront initiative.

The result is that the committee is not seriously considering anything other than the issue of the impending Eastshore State Park. While there is merit in preparing for the day when the city must work with the East Bay Regional Park District, the non-park waterfront issue is far more urgent. Revenues from the race track are failing; the track operator seems to have little interest improving the operation; the land owner may have the erroneous impression that the city will never approve even very limited development; and rumors abound that both the track operation and the land may be sold to foreign investors.

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In summary the committee isn't doing what it should be doing now. It is imperative for the council to intervene now, and to instruct the committee as to to intervene now, and to instruct the committee as to what the most urgent waterfront priorities are. The committee should be doing comprehensive masterplanning that anticipates the full range of options that are available to the land owner. It should be developing alternatives that are most advantageous to the Park, the city and the landowner. Proactive Planning would send an urgently needed better message and can lead to a far better waterfront solution. better waterfront solution.

John Shively

Pressure for peace

The death and destruction of Bosnians by the

The death and destruction of Bosnians by the Serbs have no doubt captured world attention but very little is done to stop the human genocide.

It is important in order to save whatever is left in Bosnia that the U.S. government should intervene and pressure Russia to stop arms supply to the Serbs and order the Serbs to obey all UNO resolutions and stop the heinous killing.

I appeal to all noble fellow Americans to back our president to supply arms to the Bosnians in order to defend themselves.

Hanif Koya

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Police Reports

Two arrested in connection with window vanda

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO - Two Rich-

EL CERRITO — Two Richmond men were arrested after two windows were broken at Vacuum World on the evening of March 19.

• Two male juveniles driving a stolen vehicle were taken into custody after a foot chase at about 8:02 a.m. on March 15. The incident occurred at Moeser Lane and Pomona Avenue

Pomona Avenue.

• A male juvenile was arrested for possession of rock cocaine at Central Avenue and I-80 at 1:20 a.m. on March 11.

• A Hayward man was arrested for driving under the influence at Manila and the BART path on March 20 at 2:21 a.m.

• A hicycle was stolen from in

 A bicycle was stolen from in front of the El Cerrito Community Center on the El Cerrito Community
Center on the morning of March
24. That night, a bike was taken
from a residential garage in the
1600 block of Liberty Street.

Someone attempted to

the rear window of a residence in the 7300 block of Schmidt Lane at about 11:38 p.m. on March 26. The would-be thief fled when an alarm

• Between March 25 and 28, a burglar entered the bathroom win-dow of a home in the 400 block of Liberty Street, taking a vase from the bathroom

• The burglar who entered a Walnut Street home on the morning of March 23 (1700 block) took costume jewelry after conducting a messy prowl. Entry was made through the basement window.
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● In the 1400 block of Lawrence, a would-be thief was searching the rooms of a home at 3:17 a.m. when confronted by the resident. The burglar fled; no loss was reported.
● Someone broke into a van parked in front of Harding School on the evening of March 17. The attempt to steal the vehicle was unsuccessful.

• Four vehicles were reported stolen. During the night of March 19, a 1981 Toyota pickup was taken from the 6300 block of Knott

taken from the 6300 block of Knott Avenue. The next night, a 1976 Toyota was taken from the 1700 block of Lexington. On March 23, someone took a 1989 VW Fox from Peerless at Eastshore Boulevard. That night, a 1978 BMW was reported stolen from the 2400 block of Mira Vista Drive.

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• There were four attempted auto burglaries: in the 800 block of Shevlin Drive and the 700 block of Balra Drive (both during the night of March 12), in the 800 block of Seaview (between March 23 and 30), and in the 2500 block of Avila Avenue at 12:15 a.m. on March 7. In that incident, the burglar was spotted by the victim and fled.

• Property thefts from vehicles

fled.

• Property thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7300 block of Eureka Avenue (stereo taken the afternoon of March 29), the 900 block of Elm Street (in-dash stereo taken during the night of March 24), the 2300 block of Alva Avenue (tapes and a gas cap taken during the night of March 21), and from Peerless and Hill Street (stereo taken March 22).

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In addition, a stereo and dome light were taken from a vehicle parked in the 2500 block of Tulare Avenue during the night of March 29, and a camper shell was stolen from a vehicle in the 7200 block of Waldo Avenue during the early morning hours of March 15.

An in-dash stereo was taken from a car in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot on the evening of March 29; two juveniles were arrested in connection with the crime. An indash stereo was also taken from a car in the Lucky lot on San Pablo Avenue between 9 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. on March 26; the thief smashed a window to gain entry

into the vehicle

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stereo and a clothing bag from a vehicle parked block of Galvin Drive night of March 24. All four rims and tires from a 1989 Toyota pk 1300 block of Contra () vard during the eveni 29. The thieves jacked then smashed the wind

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Spray-paint vandals deface Solano Avenue busing

By Dave Green

Graffiti vandals struck twice at downtown Albany last week. On the night of March 29/30 five busithe night of March 29/30 five businesses on Solano Avenue from the 1100 block through the 1400 block were graffitied with black and blue paint, police were told. The glass of the Chamber of Commerce office at 1108 Solano Ave. was etched with a sharp instrument.

On the night of April 1 graffiti

with a sharp instrument.

On the night of April 1 graffitifrom a red spray can defaced eight businesses from the corner of San Pablo Avenue through the 1100 block of Solano Avenue, merchants reported. The Post Office building on the corner of Cornell Avenue was also bit was also hit.

• A man who had climbed on furniture to a deck of a women's house in the 1100 block of Kains Avenue in the evening of April 4 was frightened away when he saw her peeking out at him, police were told.

• The Albany Fire Department put out a fire in a garbage can at the graffiti wall at Albany High School about 9 p.m. on April 3.

• A resident of the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard told officers his house and car had been splat-tered with eggs, cooking oil, and mustard late on April 3.

• On the morning of April 2 a resident of the 1100 block of Ma-

resident of the 1100 block of Masonic Avenue told police that his home had been vandalized and various household supplies taken.

• Police and Fire Department units responded to a report of a collision between a car and a motor scooter on Pierce Street shortly past 3 p.m. on April 2. The rider of the scooter declined transportation to the hospital.

• Around 10 p.m. April 2 pos-

• Around 10 p.m. April 2 police investigated a report of two juveniles who sprayed silver paint on the window of a store in the 1400 block of San Pablo Avenue and left on bicycles.

Officers caught two El Cerrito juveniles marking exercise signs on the BART path in the 900 block of Masonic Avenue in the afternoon of April 2. They were admonished and allowed to depart.

At 8 a.m. on April 2 police picked up a dead 20-pound snake at the corner of San Pablo and Washington Avenue.

Washington Avenues

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• At 1:20 a.m. April 3 some-body conducted a messy prowl of an unlocked car in the 900 block of Ventura Avenue and took \$2 and a AM/FM personal stereo headphone. Police were told. A couple of hours later a South Lake Tahoe woman reported that some-

body got into her cartho open window while it we the same block of Vent and took a cassette pl and toiletries

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school district in the Cali-

assembly.

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arco and the Governor's Oforked together to develop the
egislation. A.B. 535 has the
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well as the Richmond School District.

Under Assembly Bill 535:

Two state loans, \$9.5 million and \$19 million and interest, will be consolidated into a single loan.

The interest rate on the loans, now 6.1 percent to 8.5 percent, will drop to 4 percent.

The loan repayment term will be extended from the current 7 to 10 years to 30 years — but will be paid off in 15 years

There will be no payments due for two years, and the annual loan payments will be substantially lower than the current level.

The district will be allowed to sell surplus property and use the money towards paying off the loan. This will substantially reduce pressure on the RUSD general fund and could free up money to go for classrooms instead of debt service.

The district will be eligible for approximately \$70 million in state funds for new construction and deferred maintenance under proposals pending before the State Allo-

cation Board.
However they will not be allowed to apply for additional new construction funds until the loan is paid off. They will be able to apply for additional deferred maintenance

The district currently needs \$130 to \$150 million in deferred maintenance money.

Library program celebrates best in kids' literature

Children in grades 3-6 are in vited to join the Kensington Library's "Wow! Is this a good book!" club which will meet every Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. dur-

Thursday arternoon at 3 p.m. dur-ing April.

Children who attend will hear about great adventure stories, funny books, mysteries, classics and sto-ries about kids like themselves.

ries about kids like themselves.

Members who join in the fun by telling the group about a book they enjoyed will have their names put on our bulletin board and will receive a colorful pin to wear.

On Thursday, May 13 at 3 p.m. children of all ages are invited to a puppet show put on by Caterpillar Puppets.

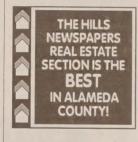
The show is free and will last approximately 30 minutes.

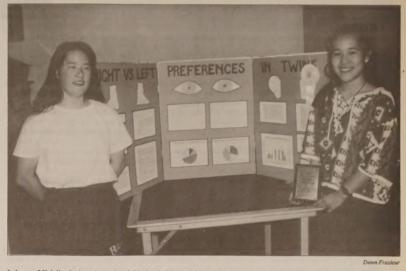
Both this puppet show and the book club described above are sponsored by The Friends of the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library System, is located at 61

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Arlington Ave.
Open hours are Monday and
Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday
and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Friday and Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.





Adams Middle School student Stefani Okasaki and her project, with ECH 10th-grader Miye Na-kahara; both were winners at the West Contra Costa Science Fair and the San Francisco Bay

EC students fare well at science fest

By Dawn Frasieur

El Cerrito students again walked

away with numerous awards from two regional science fairs this year. The 40th annual West Contra Costa Science Fair took place at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. Sixty-five judges considered 110 projects submitted by West County middle, junior high and high school students.

students.

The Richmond Council of Industries gives \$50 awards to the top projects at each grade level. Craig Pollack of El Cerrito High School won the 9th grade project award; Kennedy's Roselle Branch and Cam Lu won awards for the 11th- and 12th-grade entries.

Lu won awards for the 11th- and 12th-grade entries.

Local first-place winners in physical science were: Wayne Chan (7th grade, Portola Middle School) and Dana Kawaoka (11th, El Cerrito High School). Second place winners were: Sam Banks, Max Slendebroek and Christian Tipping (7th, Adams Middle School); Jonathan Radke (8th, Adams Middle School); Andrew Dragos (11th, ECHS); Megan Dann, Natasha Henke and Christopher Lau (12th, ECHS).

The subject matter of the projects were varied, including a "Battery Efficiency Test," "The Rain and the Earth," and "The Physics of Volleyball."

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Local first place winners in be-vioral science were: Stefani

Okasaki (8th, Adams); Cindie Young (10th, Kennedy); and Roselle Branch (11th, Kennedy). Second place winners were: Zura Young (8th, Adams); Khamin Lathana (10th, Kennedy); and Janet Hsu (11th, Kennedy). Topics included, "Does Music Have Any Effect on Studies?" and "Right vs. Left Preference in Twins"

In biology, local first place win In biology, local first place win-ners were: Amy Chang (8th, Adams) and Howard Chiang (1th, Kennedy). Second place winners were: Nalini Govindarajan and Cindy Lu (7th, Adams); Brett Davalos and Amber Jones (8th, Adams); Karen James (11th, Kennedy); and James Perero (12th, ECHS).

ECHS).

Projects included "Liquid Antibacterial Soaps" and "Selenium in Bean Sprouts."

First place winners in mathematics and computers were: Craig Pollack (9th, ECHS); Boris Shpungin (10th, Kennedy); and Cam Lu (12th, Kennedy). Second Cam Lu (12th, Kennedy). Second place winners were: Miye Nakahara (10th, ECHS); and Adrian Merrill (12th, ECHS).

Topics included: "Reciprocals of Integers" and "Sort King? (A Last Re-Sort)." Miye

First- and second-place winners rist-and second-place winners in each grade division of the four categories were eligible to participate in the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair.

Science Fair.

Local students also won a number of third- and fourth-place

In the behavioral sciences, Katie Lederer and Heather Posner (8th, Adams) won third place awards; Victor Ruiz (7th, Portola), Erin Moyer (8th, Adams), Philip Castillo (11th, Kennedy), and Kesha Jennings and Shondra West (12th, Kennedy) took fourth.

In biology, third place winners were: Primrose Boynton (7th, Adams); Jessica Kronenberg (7th, Portola); Horace Lawrence, III (7th, Adams); Christopher Jones, Maggie O'Neal and Alexa Prussin (8th, Adams); Phonthana Chansamonh (10th, Kennedy); and Khae Chao and Tunisia Stevenson (11th, Kennedy).

Fourth place winners in biology were: Danny Framsted and Scott Salas (7th, Adams); Jamila Jackson (8th, Adams); and Danielle Carter (11th, Kennedy).

In the physical science category, third place winners were: Kristina Cervantes-Yoshida (7th, Portola); Erin Inada, Chris Ingram, Elizabeth Valdivia, Christianna Toler and Ian Keough (7th, Adams); Muir Black, Barbara Chin, Edward Hamati, Emily Hertzer and Emily Compagno (8th, Adams); Steven Paolini (8th, Portola); Clarisa Colbert and Saeng Saephan (10th, Kennedy); and Rodolfo Martin (12th, ECHS).

Fourth place winners were: Charles Connaughton and David

Rodolfo Martin (12th, ECHS).
Fourth place winners were:
Charles Connaughton and David
Martin (7th, Adams); Brandee Steward (10th, Kennedy); Brian Cheng,
Michael Magarro and Arash
Malaowala (11th, Kennedy); and
Marchael Kelly and Hirotaka
Yonekura (12th, Kennedy).

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Albany Chamber of Commerce

Plenty to look forward to at Albany Spring Arts Festival

By Fern Luoma

All Bay Area residents are invited to attend the Albany Spring Arts Festival and Classic/Vintage Auto Show, Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the Key Route Strip at Solano Avenue. (May 8 is the rain date.)

Plans for children's activities, a variety of food booths and entertainment are being made to make the most entertaining and colorful Saturday of the season.

Fifty-six artists' booths will feature all hand-crafted items ranging from jewelry, pottery, handmade children's clothes to hand made musical instruments.

Among the auto exhibits will be Bill Hartung's 1950 Ford custom four-door sedan that has never needed restoration; Don Minear's 1950 Mercury coupe; Larry Garcia's prize-winning 1957 Ford T-Bird; Jim Levine's 1956 Mercedes Benz 190 SL roadster and Bob Flynn's 1956 T-Bird Ford coupe that has removable porthole hardtop and convertible top.

David Johnson will have his 1955 Chevrolet on display, along with Chuck Grant's 1941 Dodge; Jason Baker's 1990 Harley-Davidson, FXSTS Springer Softail; Andrea Lucas' 1963 Studebaker, Gran Turismo R2 Hawk and William and Suzanne Stroh's three Porsches.

They will show a 1965 356 SC Control 1985 011 SC Cabricates and

They will show a 1965 356 SC upe, 1985 911 SC Cabriolet and

coupe, 1985 911 SC Cabriolet and a 1987 944 sun-roof coupe. Children's activities will be un-der the direction of Albany Recre-ation Supervisor Theresa Brand.

Musicians, "Merry Wanderers" costumed in 16th and 17th century attire, will play music of that period every hour. Ringling Brother's Cir-cus' famous clown, Penelope P. Pendleton, will also entertain ev-

ery hour.
Food booths include the Chamber of Commerce's hot dog and soft drink stand, which will also soft drink stand, which will also have avariety of special sandwiches prepared by John Lee, owner of The Hoo Doo Deli; nachos, beer and wine from the Albany Rotary Club booth and a fresh fruit fizz stand. John Ruhany's "I Love Ice Cream" will offer ice cream and callete.

gelato.
Chairing the festival are Mary
Weiland (East Bay Paint Center)
and artist Susan Adame. David
heads the automobile show. He has
room for additional cars and states
there is no registration fee as the
show is just for fun. show is just for fun.

Festival information is available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave., or phone 525-1771 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Business and Information Directory

Albany residents have been mailed the latest Albany Business and Information Directory, published by the Albany Chamber of Cammerce. The new directory contains information regarding city offices, a directory of schools, clubs and organizations and 11 commercial comments. and organizations and 11 commercial street-front businesses

It also includes information on the Albany library, post office, Orientation Center for the Blind,

the Albany YMCA, home occupa-tions who are Chamber of Com-merce members, Albany church directory and an Albany map.

The directory is one that should be kept near the telephone for quick reference for Albany businesses.

The chamber will issue a directory to any household which has not received one. The party must pick to any nousehold which has not received one. The party must pick it up at the chamber office, week-days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing residential identification.

Please do not send children. Directories must be picked up by May 15.

Albany Day at the Races Winners

Winners of the Albany Day at the Races prizes are: Ali's Restau-rant with five \$50 gift certificates: Tony Sempere, Roger Dunhem, Zelda Hunphery, Suzie Kim and

T-shirts and sweatshirts from the 1-shirts and sweatshirts from the Albany Little League: Kayo Denham, Judy Vohs, Albany Ro-tary Club, Evelyn Natac, Dave Kinley, Sadako Kinoshita, V. Bennett and McIntosh and Foley. \$50 US Savings Bonds from The Mechanics Bank: Kim Nuguen and Patty Howard

Mechanics Bank: Kim Nuguen and Patty Howard.
\$125 gift certificates from Charles Prins D.C.: Roger Henderson and Dean Henderson.
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Monica Luty and Helvia Velloso.
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Larry Garcia shows off his 1957 Ford Thunderbird

erica: Whitman Cebulski and

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Al Martinez.

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Air condition service and a cooling system service from Joe Sio Chevrolet-Geo: Lisa Mongkobol and A. Knetzger.

Membership plus two rentals per month for a year from Captain Video: Robert Onweller.

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Thelma Rubin.
\$100 US Savings Bond from Jeans Realty: John Ford.
One large pizza per month for six months from Gina's Pizza and Italian Restaurant: Gary Koenig.
\$100 cash from K & S Realty Company: Kim Denton.
Starter Jacket from Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods: M Jacobs;.
Two nights/three day Reno trip from NIT Travel;:Karne Keenen.
\$100 gift certificate from Refractions: Fred Runnion.
Seiko watch donated by Richard's Jewelers: Ron Mayeda.

ice skating photographs

Refractions owner Marilyn Stefonetti has announced a show-ing of color photographs devoted

entirely to figure skating "Elegance on Ice: Wolf Figure Skating" by John B

The exhibit will run unday, May 1.

Blaisdell has been plot g both amateurs and put since 1987.

His love and respect taters grew with each pa

His big breakthrough 1992 when Oakland h World Figure Skaing (ships when he was cross photograph this first " event in California."

Saturday, April 24, fro

Local artists assume role of judge for city arts festival

By Catherine Webb

Suzanne Mc Culloch, one of the judges for the May 1 Albany Arts Festivaldescribes the event as "The art of business with the business of art." She isnot only an artist but is in the business of helping non-profit groups develop their own art merchandising adventures.

Another judge for the Chamber of Commerce-endorsed event is Tyler Hoare, the sculptor of the miniature airplanes seen in the Emeryville mud flats. He has a studio in Albany and has exhibited in

dio in Albany and has exhibited in Budapest and Paris. Another judge, Jane Etre, has been an artistworking in leather for 20 years. She has also had experi-

ence in working with the KPFA art festival held annually in December on the UC-Berkeley campus. Other judges who participated in the selection of a variety of qual-

ity art for the presentation May 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the open strip along Key Route Boulevard include Susan Leibovitz Steinman,

Barbara Paige Kaplan and Linda

Fischer.

The festival will also provide entertainment for children, lots of good food, music and strolling minstrels. The Albany Art Committee is sponsoring the showing of a sample of student art work from the Albany Schools.



Volunteer.

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Police are investigating.

On the afternoon of March 30 a resident of the 800 block of Cornell Avenue reported that somebody had pried the door of his 1990 VW Golf and stolen the AM/FM cassette

player.

• An Oakland man was stopped for a vehicle violation early March 31, found to have outstanding ward booked into the Albany

● Around 5 a.m. March 31 a semi truck hit a traffic cone and ruptured a fuel line on I-80 at the Albany exit. Police responded, and the Albany Fire Department helped stop the leak and clean up spilled fuel.

• A resident of the 1200 block of

Brighton Avenue reported four very intoxicated juveniles wearing baggy pants in the later afternoon of March 30. Officers subsequently found one juvenile in the area passed out drunk.

He was taken to Alta Ball by the Albany Fire De

• Somebody stole a mountain bike from ther a house in the 1100 block Avenue, police were afternoon of March 29

A drunken Albany picked up outside the Senue Safeway store shorp, m. on the night of Maheld until sober.

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Business

■ STEVE MILLER

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All benefits are provided under one easy-to-use card called the AIS Access Card, according to AIS president and CEO Edward W. Chin. Chin said the plan became effective March 1.

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public had been great.

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Local art in the spotlight

ne El Cerrito Art Association's Spring Art Show will be held April 30, May 1 and 2 at the El Cerrito ommunity Center. Pictured are Crawford Jones, left, Randall Pinckert, Hans Arouner, Don ajconer, Pat Hedgecock, Lauriel Anderson, James Happy, and Phyliis Kanter. Exhibition hours are hidsy, April 30, 7-9 p.m., Saturday, May 1, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 2, noon to 4 p.m. A nampagne reception and presentation of awards will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m.

mnic and cultural events on the calendar in Albany

The Contra Costa Japanese Okamura, 234-8252. terican Citizens League is spon-ing Kids' Day III, a cultural ac-

hildren will have an opportu-io see a "kendo" demonstra-, see the San Francisco Taiko o kids' performance make a chimaki," try their hand at brush tingormaking "onigiri" as well teeing an "odori" demonstra-

mito on Saturday, May 8, 1 to

or information call Dennis

Registration mail is open until April 28; space is limited.

Albany High School students recently observed Cultural Awareness Week, an event designed to expose students to other races and cultures.

ernment sponsored Latin/Hispanic dancers one day, and the Asian Students' Union hosted a lecture on the Tiananmen Square massa of June 1989.

. Speaker Xin Ku, a survivor of Tiananmen Square events, was a hunger striker in the student protests.

He told how the students learn about the massacre and how they valued freedom.

Also during the week Pacific Island Dancers hosted by Associ-ated Student Government showed different dances from Hawaii and other islands.

The week was topped off with foods from various cultures, includ-ing the Asian Students' Union Chi-nese Food stand and African Stu-dents' Association hot links.

El Cerrito Newsline

Senior Services Division relies on volunteers

By Elleen Duffy

The Senior Services Division of the City of El The Senior Services Division of the City of El Cerrito provides a variety of important services to our community. One of the services provided is the publication of a monthly newsletter called *The 60 Plus Bulletin*. This newsletter contains lots of news and information valuable to El Cerrito residents, young and old alike. From time to time, you will find in this column excerpts or ideas from the newsletter.

In the April 1993

the newsletter.
In the April 1993 issue of The 60 Plus Bulletin, the Senior Services Division advised its readers what services it provides and how it is able to provide them. An expanded version of their message follows.

O VIII

The Senior Services Division is able to operate primarily because of the many dedicated volunteers who are willing to give their time and energy to provide service to our community. One hundred fifty volunteers serve meals at the Open House Senior Center, deliver meals to the home-bound elderly and disabled, shop for groceries, teach classes, give haircuts and do mailings. They provide health screening clinics, financial advice, health insurance counseling and assistance in filing tax return. Volunteers staff the special adult day care program for persons with dementia and serve on advisory boards. They answer the phones and do minor repairs and landscape maintenance at the Senior Center. They edit and proofread The 60 Plus Bulletin.

This is only a partial list of what volunteers do for Senior Services. In all, volunteers will donate over 19,000 hours of their time during the 12 months ending June 30, 1993.

Operations

Katie Lewis, Senior Services Division manager, and Ellen MacDonald-Paasch, who supervises the Open House Senior Center, are key to the operation of this Division. Katie has primary responsibility for administering the Division and obtaining and monitoring outside funding. Ellen is responsible for

ceruiting and managing volunteers. Together, they develop and coordinate programs. Dianne Koutz provides clerical and other support.

Resources for the operation of the Senior Services Division come from a variety of sources other than the City of El Cerrito. These sources include the State of California and Contra Costa County, paratransit passenger fares, donations, bingo revenues, RUSD. Adult School support and food and supplies provided through the Federal Older Americans Act. Katie Lewis is instrumental in obtaining the funding from these alternative sources and in meeting the requirements to continue receiving these funds.

One of the largest single contributions that enables the Senior Services Division to operate totals approximately \$1.71,000. This is a conservative estimate of the value of the 19,000 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers provide a wide range of services from simple, though valued, tasks to the professional. As mentioned above, Ellen recruits and manages this amazing group of volunteers.

The City of El Cerrito contributes \$123,500 toward the operations of the Senior Services Division, one of the smaller portions. The City's contribution is really yours as a taxpayer. You pay about a nickel a day for the services that help our older residents to live a better life, to continue to live in their homes and to retain the dignity that goes along with independent living. Specifically, your 5 cents a day pays for the talents of Katie, Ellen and Dianne, the equivalent of 2.2 full-time employees. It also pays for the physical operation of the Open House Senior Center (e.g., electricity, telephones, etc.)

A Model

Over the past few years financial resources have been slipping away from the city—mostly to the state government in Sacramento. The City Council and city staff, however, are looking constantly for creative ways to continue to provide most of the services El Cerrito residents have come to expect In many ways the Senior Services Division with its variety of funding and other resources, has been a model for other City divisions. Now all divisions employ volunteers and they all are aggressively seeking out alternative funding sources or alternative means of providing the game services at a lower means of providing the game services at a lower cost. The Senior Services staff has provided the inspiration for other City employees. We will highlight many of their accomplishments over th next few months.

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ALAN GOLDFARB 1992 cabernets: good, but not great

The 1992 California vintage will see wines with luscious, fruity cabernet sauvignons, which will lack extract and concentration and be somewhat low in tannic acids.

Although naturally some properties will produce excellent wines the cabe

will produce excellent wines, the ca from '92 will not be long-lived and will fall short of the previous two

vintages.

That scenario fits perfectly with harvest predictions back in October of last year. It was one of the earliest crushes on record and while it produced some nice fruit, early maturation inhibited the fruit from

maturation limited the first from reaching maximum sugar levels.

Though Bo Barrett, the winemaker at Chateau Montelena, called the '92 vintage "fabled" back in October and compared it to the great '78 vintage, I think his expectations will come up short.

short.
Greg Upton, the winemaker at
Franciscan, was right on the mark
with his prediction back then when he
called the '92s ''feminine'' and
described the tannins as ''warm.''
That's exactly what I found on
balance at last week's barrel tasting,
the California Cabernet Society's
annual event, held this year at the
Pitz-Calton in San Francisco.

annual event, held this year at the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco.

I found a lot of wines lacking the deep concentration of fruit and the falloff of astringent tannins which one would normally find this early in the gestation period of great wines.

There's no doubt that many will be lovely, but as stated earlier, they will reach maturation early.

Naturally, I found several which will be outstanding. The Carmenet Moon Mountain from the Mayacamas range, for instance, has a powerful minty nose and great concentration of fruit with a good acid backbone, belying the nature of the rest of this vintage. This wine is a blend of cabernet (84 percent), merlot (9) and cab franc (7).

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The Cain Five, which carries a \$25 price tag at futures (keep in mind most of the better wines from '92 will not be released for two to three years), is a big, chewy wine with great fruit and richness on a long blackberry finish. The wine gets its proprietary name, naturally enough, from a blend of five grapes: cabernet (51 percent), merlot (37), cab franc (2), malbec (9) and petit verdot (1).

and petit verdot (1).

The Ridge Monte Bello, usually one of the greatest California cabs, with an even heftier \$31 price (at

with an even heftier \$31 price (at future), has a gorgeous concentration of fruit and wonderful complexity. It is elegant, rich and possesses enough acid for long-term ageing.

The Ravenswood Pickberry, a merlot blend (65 percent) with cabernet sauvignon (30) and cab franc (5), may be the "steal" of the vintage with a \$17.25 price at future. It is luscious, soft and fruity, while the cab lends it the right degree of tannins for long life.

long life.
Star winemaker Randy Dunn has made another great wine, this time for Jayson Pahlmeyer and his Pahlmeyer Caldwell Vineyard (\$32) offering. It is very minty in the nose and is stunning with concentrated, luscious forward fruit and a long finish of oak and anise.

Pahlmeyer was not certain of the blend, because at this stage, final
"assemblage" or blending and/or
fining or filtering decisions are yet to
be made. Wines from the barrel, then,
are sometimes slightly different from

are sometimes slightly different from the released versions.

A final note on a magnificent wine at this tasting. Many of the wineries bring along current releases, with the intent, of course, to bolster sales, but also to offer comparisons with the wines in barrel.

Sondra and Bill Machaer at

wines in barrel.

Sandra and Bill MacIver at

Matanzas Creek, one of my favorite
estates, poured their '90 Sonoma

Valley Merlot (\$28 current), which is one of the greatest wines I've ever experienced. It has wonderful herbaceousness and fresh blackberry aromas with fabulous fruit extract and soft tannins enough to carry it over the next decade. Finally, it possesses a great anise and chocolate finish.

Alan Goldfarb writes regularly on











Cute, cuddly—and misunderstool

hey're adorable at any time of the year. At Easter, they're irresistible.

But local experts caution that before buying a bunny as a pet or as a gift for a youngster, one should take a closer look at what kind of care a rabbit

requires.

"They're not for everyone," says Charlie
Clark, an Oakland owner of three rabbits. He
adopted them on a visit to the Humane Society
several years ago when he was seeking a kitten
or puppy and took the bunnies home instead to
save them from being euthanized.

Clark is now a member of the House Rabbit
Society, a group that advocates humane.

Society, a group that advocates humane treatment of rabbits and helps rescue them when they are abandoned. He says he's heard

'Rabbits are reaction-oriented. They have big ears and twitching noses for a reason.'

"horrendous" stories about people who don't understand the animals and mistreat or aban-

don them.

House Rabbit Society activist Amy Shapiro echoes Clark's feeling. She says many rabbits are given to shelters to be killed or turned loose in the wild to die because people have

loose in the wild to die because people have misconceptions about them.

To start with, Shapiro debunks the myth that a rabbit makes a good pet for a young child.

"Rabbits are reaction-oriented. They have big ears and twitching noses for a reason. Rabbits do well in a quiet environment," Shapiro says, pointing out that rabbits are "prey" animals, used to being hunted, so are instinctively violant. instinctively vigilant

"They are pretty far down on the food chain," she says.

To protect themselves, they are constantly on guard and fearful, reacting to loud noises

Delicate animals

Nancy Strange, manager of Tiffany's Pet Shop in Oakland, reports rabbits are prone to heart attacks. She remembers hearing a story about one pet bunny that died when a vacuum cleaner was switched on near it.

Even when their reaction isn't quite as extreme, bunnies, according to Strange, ofte shed large amounts of hair all at once when they are frightened.

they are frightened.

Another down-side of bunny ownership, she says, is the animal's love of chewing on everything, especially electrical cords.

"If the cord is plugged in, the rabbit can

But despite the drawbacks, Strange, Clark

and Shapiro say bunnies are extremely affectionate, albeit in a manner many people might not appreciate.

'It's much more subtle than a cat purring or its rise its tell. They have their more subtle than a cat purring or

a dog wagging its tail. They have their moments, but it's on their terms," Clark says, adding he often sits on the floor with his rabbits and watches them cuddling and playing with each other.

Agreeing that rabbits have very subtle ways of communicating, Shapiro compares a dog's affectionate licking to the rabbit's unique wa of expressing pleasure.

"The rabbit's version is to grind its teeth.

The raport's version is to grind is teen.

It's a new language for people. Rabbits are an unknown territory. They are the right pet for someone who wants to sit quietly and have rabbits come to them, someone who is gentle and patient. I'm not sure a 3-year old would eciate teeth gnashing

Hands off

Shapiro says rabbits bond strongly both with each other and with humans, but they

with each other and with humans, but they don't like being picked up and carried around, perhaps feeling like a captured animal in the talons of a hawk.

"They are very ground loving," she says, adding that eventually, with patience, bunnies can become delightful pets, following owners around, snuggling and grooming each other and "emanating joy and bliss."

But the House Rabbit Society, which has only about 40 members nationally, doesn't advocate rabbits as pets and discourages, as do pet stores like Tiffany's and the U.S. Humane Society, adoptions of bunnies during the holidays, when the decision is likely to be more of a whim than a carefully reasoned choice.

Strange, who sells bunnies all year round, suggests people consider renting a bunny

suggests people consider renting a bunny before they commit themselves to a permanent arrangement. Sulphur Creek Nature Center in Hayward has both bunnies and cages for such

Own home

And for people who decide to become bunny owners, Shapiro has a few practical tips, starting with getting the bunny a hutch to

ithe, starting with getting the bully a flutch to call home.

"He'll want a place of his own, a safe haven," she says. "But hopefully, you'll reach a point where the door will be open."

Once outside the hutch, the rabbit should be introduced to one room at a time, starting with the kitchen if the bunny isn't yet housebroken. She cautions against rushing the rabbit, trying to reach out and grab it.

"Sit on the floor with a book and hang out with the rabbit. Don't reach out. Let him investigate. The rabbit will tell you when it's time to reach out," she says.

Although it might take weeks for that to happen, Shapiro says rabbits are nosey and the

'They are the right pet for someone who wants to sit quietly and have rabbits com to them, someone who is get and patient.'

process could be speeded up by putting treats on the floor nearby "to make yourself more

eresting.

If all goes well, Shapiro predicts the rabbit will be following its new owner around, nudging him to be petted and showing up to watch TV and help make dinner.

According to Clark, when he wants to treat his pets and deviate from their normal bunny

chow routine, he offers them broccoli, parsley, and their favorite, bananas.

Saving a life

Shapiro encourages prospective owners to get their new pets at shelters to save the animals from being euthanized.

"If you go to a shelter or rescue group, you'll be saving a life, and you'll get useful advice, and sometimes free spaying and neutering," she says. But the House Rabbit Society implores people who are giving their bunnies away to find homes for them or, if all else fails to call the society in the total the society in the

bunnies away to find homes for them or, if all else fails, to call the society, but not to take the bunny to a shelter.

"Giving rabbits to a shelter means death," their recorded message says, adding, "Don't release them in the park. They die slowly of starvation." They also caution against giving the bunnies away free, lest the motive for a stranger agreeing to adopt the bunny is to use the animal either for food or research.

Taking precautions

Among the tips Shapiro offers new bunny owners is to be sure to have the rabbits spayed or neutered. If they aren't, she says they will mark their territory with urine and feces. And they can't be housebroken.

Do rabbits get along with other pets, Shapiro says they do, especially with cats and guinea pigs and particularly if they are introduced to each other gradually.

"You just need to use a little common sense," she says.

You just need to use a little common sense," she says.

For people struggling with their bunnies, the House Rabbit Society offers advice and behavioral tips, but in the end it may come down to Clark's terse summation, "I think 95 percent of the people shouldn't have them."

For more information about the House Rabbit Society, call 836-2356.



Medicare red tape threatens inventor's livelihood

eimbursement costs cutting profits oo close, he says

The financial well being of a small enville company that provides electric telchairs, adaptive equipment, and resterices to many in the East Bay dissection of the community could be in jeopardy cust of too much red-tape from Medi-

edicare patients who need to purchase tive equipment or need repairs made 's prescription before coming to his

"Medicare patients faced a doctor a pro-npion for everything — even a pair of coutchtips," said Cains. "Crutch tips are ingle to get expensive if getting the pre-ippion entails a doctor's visit."

Cains said his biggest complaint about Medicare system is the way in which to Shield, the contractor that processes the best of the contractor that processes the contractor that processe

of example, Cains said Medicare only for 80 percent of the cost for a single gement battery for an electric wheel-tegardless of how many batteries the schair takes.

Although the retail price for a wheel-air battery is about \$120, Cains said dicare will only pay \$102 for new bat-yand \$91 for a replacement battery.

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Last year, GrandMar grossed over
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eoutbeing paid, Cains said his business
iy made a \$4,000 profit. Cains said
décare owes him \$250,000 in unpaid
ands for equipment and repairs. An ested 70 percent of his business comes
an service and repairs, Cains said, and
out 30 percent come from sales.

"Every time Medicare refuses reimment or refunds less than the retail te of service or equipment, we have to that money," said Cains. "It could get to point where we might have refuse Medicustomers because we can't afford to vice them."

effSwift, abenefits representative with



Blue Shield, said Medicare will only pay for durable medical equipment if there is an obvious medical necessity for a piece of

"Medicare does not exist so that ven-dors of durable medical equipment can make a profit," said Swift.

If a Medicare patient or a vendor has a spute over a reimbursement claim, Swift

said there is a three-level Medicare review

Although there is an elaborate computer formula which determines the approval of claims, Swift said Medicare approves 95 percent of all claims.

Cains said he thinks Blue Shield should lopt a simpler system for allocating equipent to Medicare patients.

He suggests that doctors should have a

checklist that specifies what type of equipment their patients need.

This checklist would in turn be kept by Blue Shield for quick processing of Medi-

"We have to employ people just to do the paper work for Medicare claims, and Blue Shield employs people just to handle Medicare forms — which in most cases they don't," said Cains.

"This bureaucratic nightmare could be eliminated if doctors had a simple check-list they mark for prescribing equipment."

Equipment innovator

Besides selling and repairing wheel-chairs, Cains also invents devices the en-able persons with disabilities to have greater mobility.

His latest invention is a water-powered sling lift that operates from an ordinary household faucet.

When the water is turned on, a hydraulic ram linked to aircraft control cables and a sling will easily pull a person out of a wheelchair into a standing position.

"We can make it for less than half the price of a \$2,000 commercial version," he

"Everything I design is simple."

Among his other inventions is a body sling balanced by three scales that enables a person with a severe spinal cord injury to be moved by a single person at home, rather than remaining in a hospital at a cost of hundreds of thousand of dollars.

After retiring from the British navy in 1984, where he spent 25 years flying as an airline flight engineer in the Middle East and Asia, Cains came to Bay Area to race power boats from Berkeley to Hong Kong.

"I started going to boat shows and I noticed how hard it was for people in wheelchairs to get around at a boat show," Cains said.

Marine, and began designing devices the disabled to improve their mobility.

Today, Grandmar operates out of a 10,000 square-footwarehouse at 1311 63rd Street where Cains sells, services, and repairs wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment for the disabled.

Appeals board ok's 'big box' for Emeryville

If Catellus Development officials are correct, local residents will be buying their groceries at Pak 'N Save and wandering through the building supplies department at Home Depot by next April 1 at a proposed 50-acre Emeryville shopping center.

Catellus' planned "big box" develop-ment — the term refers to the functional warehouse design — was given the green light by a joint Oakland-Emeryville ap-peals body last week following a hearing on a citizens' appeal. In the appeal Emeryville citizens citizens said the retail

peals body last week following a hearing on a citizens' appeal. In the appeal Emeryville citizens citizens said the retail discount development, proposed for a site near the merger of 1-580 and 1-80 and offering parking for 2,400 automobiles, would bring adverse environmental impacts to the two cities.

In denying the appeal, the majority of the appeals body said the benefits of tax revenues and jobs outweighed the negatives, many of which had been mitigated under conditions previously imposed on the developer.

Project opponents, however, may seek legal avenues to halt the development, contending that it violates Emeryville's general plan. If they take their concerns to court, as they have threatened to do, the alleged violation will constitute a part of their lawsuit. "If it ends up in court," former Emeryville Councilmember Stuart Flashman told the appeals board, "what you'll have to believe is a judge."

The project is supported by the business community, including the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and the West Oakland Commerce Association.

Members of the public speaking before the appeals body overwhelmingly supported the project.

One of the project's biggest enticements for West Oakland and Emeryville residents is the planned grocery store, an amenity both communities presently lack.

While a possible legal challenge to the project will likely hinge on claims of noncompliance with Emeryville's general plan, past objections have centered on traffic and air quality issues.

The appeal of the joint Emeryville-Oakland planning commission's previous approval of the project was made by environmentalists.



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El Cerrito Art Association holds international event during April

Lilo Brockmann started
painting when she was living in
the Bay Area from 1981 to 1985,
while her husband, Robert, a
physicist, was a visiting scholar
at UC-Berkeley.
And it is this German-born
French woman who will be
honored by the El Cerrito Art
Association on Thursday, April
15 at the El Cerrito Community
Center.

Lilo Brockmann will demonstrate her watercolor-sand painting, which is her latest enthusiasm. After the demonstrations there will be a tea

demonstrations there will be a tea in her honor. Lilo joined the El Cerrito Art Association those dozen or so years ago, while visiting with her

husband and sons. She took watercolor classes with Bobby Saarin, and received several awards from both the ECAA and Oakland Art Association. Lauriel Anderson, also a watercolorist with ECAA, said "Lilo's skillful, fresh and imaginative paintings

with ELAA, said "Lilo's skulful, fresh and imaginative paintings attracted followers at that time." Continuing the love affair with art upon her return to Europe, Brockmann has had numerous expositions in France, Switzerland and Germany. Since 1985 they have been living in Switzeriand and Germany. Since 1985 they have been living in Thieby, a 'little village in France', near the border of Switzerland. She gives classes in watercolor at the German school and the CERN women's club in Geneva, and had done stage

design for several plays at the German School.

She is very proud of the fact that her watercolor "Windows," painted in 1988, is included in the UNICEF calendar (Europe,

Brockmann writes that in Brockmann writes that in working with watercolors her favorite subjects are landscapes, houses and flowers. She likes to simplify and to reduce the scene to the basic essentials.

Currently she is using white acrylic paint mixed with sand, fabrics, wood, etc., or, sometime

acryite paint mixed with saind, fabrics, wood, etc., or, sometimes just sand which she "glues on the paper in a special way, so many of her 'watercolors' end up as a relief or collage."

Lilo is making a short spring

visit to the Bay Area and will bring some of her work to show at the April 15 event. The demonstration and tea will be held in the Council Chambers of the El Cerrito Community Center, and will begin promptly at 2:15 p.m. Lauriel Anderson is currently in charge of exhibitions for the

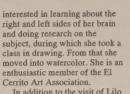
Lauriel Anderson is currently in charge of exhibitions for the Art Association. "Every month we have a wall in the Community Center which we call the "El Cerrito Gallery." Some of their work also hangs in other places in El Cerrito, although they have lost some of the banks that used to display their works.

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Lauriel, herself began painting "late in life" she says, (although it can't be awfully late). She was

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



In addition to the visit of Lilo Brockmann, Lauriel was eager to talk about the association's annual Spring Art Show which

will open on April 30,

will open on April 30, ag Community Center. "Did you know that st your neighbors are first-artists? We have member over the East Bay, and we better every year. Come. So reads their flyer, and attended many of these are knowing many of the

events, one after anothe Cerrito Art Association

Cerrito Art Association is busy, indeed.

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spring registration for 1993-94 kindergarten Albany School District announces

The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to kindergarten for the fall 1993 on Wednesday, May 5, from 9 to 11:00 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Children may be registered at Vista, Marin, or Cornell schools.

University Village children are to be registered at the Albany Children's Center. The Children's Center will be open 8 a.m. to 5:30

Center will be open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the convenience of Village

Registering your child at the closest school may not guarantee assignment to that cool. The dis-

trict may need to assign pupils outside of present school boundaries in order to house the expected enrollment increase.

For registration, parents must bring the child's birth certificate or other proof of age and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases. Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polo, DPT, measles (Rubeola), mumps, and rubella (German measles) foreach kindergarten child

No child can enter kindergarten next fall unless he/she has had these

next fall unless he/she has had these immunizations.

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forms of proof of Albany residence

forms of proof of Albany residence in the form of rental agreements, rental receipts utility bills, etc.

Children are eligible for public school kindergarten if the child will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 2, 1993. The district cannot accept registration for children who are younger than that age, even though a child may have had several years of preschool experience.

An accurate spring registration is important to the school district for planning next year's kindergarten classes. If registration on May 5

is not possible, please register your child during school hours at any elementary school as soon as possible after that date. The date of registration is one factor which may be considered in making school assignments.

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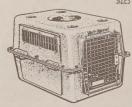
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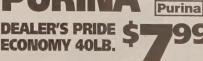
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Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as an extra treat for young recyclers.

Afree workshop on how to make full use of the bins will be held May 2 at 1 p.m. also at Memorial Park. Program leaders will make a presentation at the City Council meeting April 12.

"We're encouraging home composting as part of our effort to meet the city's waste reduction goals," Assistant City Administrator Daren Fields said.

The 150 bins now available are "just a start," Fields said. "If we get a good response, we'll do it again and again. This is a first step toward citywide composting."

The second step will be the curbside collection of composted material, Fields said.

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One of many different bins tested over two years, the 28 in. by 28 in. by 34 in. Biostack proved to be the most durable and easy to use, ac-cording to Home Composting

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Grass clippings, bush prunings, leaves and other greenery trimmed from local yards make up 25 percent of the city's "waste stream," Fields

With a state mandate to reduce collected trash by 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by 2000, the short-term goal of the new composting program is to reduce yard waste disposal by half.
"Albany has achieved a 25 percent reduction already with our vigorous recycling program," Fields said. "We hope to attain the 50 percent in two or three years and be the first city in Alameda County to get there."

The Alameda County Home Composting Education Program,

Composting Education Program, created in 1990 by the county Waste Management Authority, is a coop-

erative venture among 14 cities, two sanitary districts and the county to reduce, at the source, the 1.9 million tons of garbage—over one and a half tons per person—hauled to landfills every year.

Natural recycling by composting turns yard trimmings and kitchen scraps into a sweet-smelling soil enhancer that saves water in the garden, loosens Albany's heavy clay soil, reduces the need for costly, poisonous fertilizers and pesticides and saves money on garbage bills, according to ACHC officials.

Visitors can see composting in action at demonstration gardens in Oakland, Livermore, Dublin and Union City.

To order bins or obtain further information, call the ACHC Rotline, 635-6275, or write the Alameda County Home Composting Education Program, 7977 Capwell Drive, Oakland 94621.





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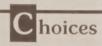
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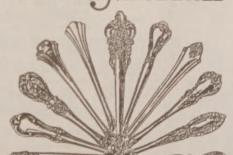
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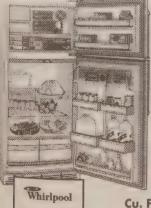
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HS student helps others

Mortimer
O'Deady's driving force is a social cond direct involvement in helping those less

e has not always been easy, but he shrugs

with a good-natured smile.

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g in Florida when his parents separated, he
e of his mother who has multiple sclerosis and
nger brother until his uncle, Harry Simonian,
them here to live with him. Harry has become

y mentor. en he arrived here, Shaun entered Albany High shman. He says, "It has been a great experience e to California where I have been able to get my

meto California where I have been able to get my ogether."

was Simonian who provided the connection ugh which Shaun became involved with the Truck ove, a project which collects truckloads of used hing and other supplies and transports them to be American families on reservations near Tuckariz, and to poor people in Tijuana, Mexico. (orking with the Truck of Love and the Fullerton ly of Mountain View, who manage the program, secome the focus of Shaun's life and accounts for acations and many weekends.

to only does the program provide badly-needed and clothing, it has been the catalyst for social cels which Shaun and other volunteers have deped, among which are five-day training programs coal Native American youth leaders, and summer camps for children.

Tijuana, the church provided a "center" with a sen, bath, and large room where the volunteer rams include recreation, sports, crafts, music, lish and films to help them solve social problems. activities are usually centered around a Mass, seonducted by teenagers. At Christmas they also ish and films to help them solve social problems, activities are usually centered around a Mass, reonducted by teenagers. At Christmas they also nursing homes and jails where they put on plays ing songs in English and Spanish. They take gifts airs, a rare treat for the prisoners. Then he is not on the road or working in Arizona lexico, Shaun lives here with a family friend, y Baker who, Shaun commented, "has always had item."

nme."

jides attending school, where his favorite courses seen Ms. Ott's methodology class, for which he a fascinating collage, and Mr. Kagawa's family lass, he has played baseball for three years, ng the "most improved player award" on the varsity team during his sophomore year. He laws of the varify team

lys on the varsity team. oor sports are Shaun's favorite activities, parname spots are shall starbule activities, par-lyl mountain biking, but he also enjoys rock-ing, frisbee and roller-skating. Sometimes they and his Truck of Love companions) "throw the tain bikes into the van and take them along to

ed in the Oakland Men's Project, working to solve



Shaun O'Deady

problems of our local school and students. Shaun said,, "The Oakland Men's Project opened my eyes and mind more than it was before. Also, it taught me how to deal with the issues that are in our community and society today, like racism, sexism, and adultism." Albany Hill teachers and staff speak enthusiastically of Shaun. "It has been heartening to watch Shaun mature and grow intellectually over the last three years. He has overcome substantial personal difficulties and directed his energy to helping those who are less fortunate than he is.

thes and directed his chergy to helping those who are less fortunate than he is.

"The volunteer work he does each year during Christmas break gives real meaning to the spirit of Christmas."

Christmas."

Another teacher commented, "Shaun is very friendly. He cares about people and social issues. I think he may embody a budding entrepreneurial spirit. I can see him running his own small business, connected in some way to one of his personal, social causes. Shaun is honest, pleasant, optimistic, independent, and industrious in pursuit of his many interests."

Another commented, "Shaun has a calm easy way about him. He has excellent counseling skills, and I have seen him facilitate his peers' growth. He does wonderful volunteer work in New Mexico and Tijuana."

Although he is planning to travel and work for awhile after graduation, his volunteer experiences have led to an interest in studying child development and a career involving children. His friendliness, caring, and counseling and social skills make him a natural in the field.

We all wish you good luck Shaup

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We all wish you good luck, Shaun.
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AUSD Report

Personnel issues relegated to closed session

Sixty people attended last week's Albany Unified School District board meeting, most of them AUSD teachers present to comment on the widely reported shoving incident widely reported shoving incident involving Superintendent of Schools J. Dale Hudson and Albany high school teacher and teachers' union president David De Hart. The audience was informed, however, that "personnel matters" were reserved for closed sessions.

School board president Diane McNenny said the boardwould "respect the privacy of individuals," and that information may be "disallowed if critical of an employee."

She then called on Nancy Bowen, teacher and vice president and bargaining chair of the Albany Teacher's Association.

As Bowen started to read from a letter, written by the executive

As Bowen started to read from a letter, written by the executive board of the ATA, AUSD Boardmember said the board must go into closed session to hear it. After some angry discussion involving the other members of the audience. Bowen and the execution volving the other members of the audience. Bowen and the executive board went into closed session. Meanwhile Don DePasquale, a teacher at the high school, read a copy of the letter aloud. Sue Taylor, an Albany parent, also read aloud a letter she had written.

When the board resumed the open session they were presented with various views by the audience, most of them relating to the personnel issue or communication

ence, most of them relating to the personnel issue or communication in the AUSD:

• David De Hart, President of ATA, asked about a meeting he had arranged with Libby Hembichner, Assistant Superintendent. This meeting had been cancelled and he wanted to know why. McNenny said the board was "still deliberating. There is litigation pending and that is influencing our deliberation."

• Gail Tapscott, past member of the school board, said "This is the toughest call the board has to make." She cautioned members to make sure they have the facts, and

the toughest call the board has to make." She cautioned members to make sure they have the facts, and to "stand on their principles." She added "We should make sure our credibility is intact. We have excellent teachers and administrators; we should support both." we should support both.

• Jerome Blank, local real estate agent and the "oldest graduate of Cornell School in the room," said a person is "innocent until proven guilty." He went on to say the voters of Albany just passed a major bond measure and they wouldn't have done that if tiey "were not pleased with anything."
• Susan Charlip, teacher at AHS, told the board she would like to know their thinking and asked "How do we speak openly and honestly?"

estly without speaking openly and honestly?"
Board Member Alan Riffer responded by saying "We would like to have better relations with the ATA and teachers in the district."
Thomsen added, "Our purpose is to serve the kids of Albany."

• Christina Osborne, an Albany parent, said "This feels like a vigilante group out for a person's job.

lante group out for a person's job.
I'm really concerned the board will take action based on a bunch of statements."

After some comments about the

After some comments about the lack of response from the board, Boardmember Ed NcManus explained that the Brown Act prohibited the board from commenting because only items placed on the agenda in advance can be discussed.

He finished his explanation by saying "This part of the agenda is for me the most personally frustrating part of the meeting."

In other business:

Virginia Behm, principal at Albany High School, and Jim Walker, Albany High School counselor reported that because Albany High is scheduled for an accreditation review during the 1993/1994 school year, they attended a Self-Study Coordinator/Principal Western Association of Schools and Colleges-California Department of

Education Orientation Workshop.

• Student Representative Ariel
Myers reported on the recent observance of Cultural Awareness
Week at AHS. He said students

Week at AHS. He said students had discussed making changes next year including open-mike forums, a newsletter, a student voice committee, and debates.

He also told the board about the invitation the video production class had received from Channel 4. The class was offered one minute and thirty seconds to present an issue about Albany. When asked by a member of the audience, he explained the issue they had chosen was the curfew.

• Kate Long, a teacher at AHS, expressed her concern over the loss of the career counselor advisor at

of the career counselor advisor at the high school. This was sec-

the high school. This was seconded by Ariel Myers.

• Deems Lewis McKinley architectural firm was chosen to work with the district on capital projects

• Hodgson Construction, Redwood City, came in with the lowest bid for the modernization project at the high school and so was approved.

tion" for the ease of the negotia-

In these difficult fiscal times, he said he is glad there were no pay cuts and no layoffs. He said he felt they had done "the best we could do."

do."

• Field trip application for the National Science Bowl championships in Washington, D.C., was approved. Team members include: Ilkay Can, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Matt Siebert, Zack Teitler and Michael Wang.

Body found off Point Isabel

A Contra Costa County coro-ner's spokesman says a 28-year-old man found dead in the water off Richmond's Point Isabel died of blunt force injury and drown-

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Rogers said the body was found

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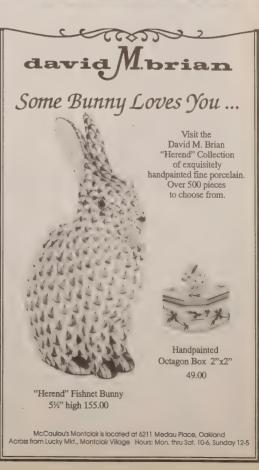
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Church Notes

By Dawn Frasleur

A Maundy Thursday service begins tonight at 6:30 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church with a community meal. At 7:30 p.m., the liturgy of Maundy Thursday continues with foot-washing and stripping of the altar. St. Alban's is located at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

An Ecumenical Service will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave. At 7:30 p.m., a Prayer Book Service is scheduled at St. Alban's.

You are also invited to join the St. Alban's congregation as they join Christ the Lord Church, 592 Tennent Ave., Pinole, for the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

Il or Easter on Holy Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m.
Easter services with Holy Communion begin at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. April 11 at St. Alban's; the Rev. James R. Stickney is rector. All are welcome. Call 525-1716 for further

wetcome.

• The 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service at the Evangelical Free Church, 7200 Schmidt Lane, is a joint one with the El Cerrito

Chinese Christian Church. Easter services begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church. You're also invited to join in a continental breakfast at 8:30

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The Good Friday Liturgy, Readings of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion will be a part of the Good Friday service at St. Jerome Catholic Church from 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow. A service of the Stations of the Cross begins at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil begins at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday masses are scheduled for 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The church is located at 308 Carmel Ave. in El Cerrito.

At El Cerrito's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., an evening mass will be sung tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion starts at noon on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday masses are scheduled for 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The location of the Maundy Thursday Service co-sponsored by

Northminster Presbyterian Church and Easter Hill Methodist Church has been changed. All are invited to join the two churches to share soup and the Lord's supper at Northminster at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 to join in the traditional Service of the Tenebrae (Shadows), solemn worship which Easter worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Communion will be celebrated. A children's Easter egg hunt follows. The church is located at 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito.

rito.

• A Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service begins at 6:30 p.m. to-night at Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. On Good Friday, the church will participate in joint services with the San Lorenzo Japanese Christian

Church.
Worship services will be held for both English-speaking and Japanese-speaking groups at Sycamore. The joint worship service begins at 11 a.m. and follows the church's annual Easter Pancake Breakfast (8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
An Easter Egg Hunt for children will immediately follow the service.

Petersburg, Aussia, Scota, Racket, Acra, Ghana and New Hope, Minnesota — will be linked in a simultaneous Easter celebration. Subtitles and narrated translation will be used.

Easter services begin at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., at 8:30 a.m. (Shalom Seekers Worship) and at 10 a.m. (traditional worship). A fellow-

• "He Lives! He Lives!" is the joyful message of Easter Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., El Cerrito. "Early Easter Devotions: A Service of Singing at the Empty Tomb" begins at 8 a.m. A Festival Service of the Resurrection of Our Lord begins at 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Also at Grace Lutheran, a Maundy Thursday Communion Service begins tonight at 7:30 p.m.; a Good Friday service with readings, hymns and Tenebrae also begins at 7:30 p.m.

A special Easter presentation, "Easter Alive 'Round the World," will be televised on Channel 7 (ABC) at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Four Lutheran congregations — from St. Petersburg, Russia; Seoul, Korea; Accra, Ghana and New Hope, Minnesota — will be linked in a simultaneous Easter celebration. Subtitles and narrated translation will be used.

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• A Maundy Thursday service for the family begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. This service depicts the events that occurred from the Last Supper to the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday, the church hosts a drop-in style service from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. You may enter and leave at any time. The service is planned as a time for reflection; meditation will alternate with scriptures, music and poetry.

An Easter Egg Dyeing Party is planned for Saturday, April 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The church will provide eggs and materials to benefit the Souper Kitchen and ACC Sunday School children. Or bring your own eggs for your own Easter needs.

On Easter Sunday, the morning

needs.

On Easter Sunday, the morning worship service begins in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. Rev. Ken Barnes will lead a celebration of the joy of Easter. A special local outreach offering is also planned; the funds go for projects within the greater

son Road, Kens p.m. The service hall of the church

p.m. The service opens in hall of the church, when group will host commup.m., led by two candles eryone will process toget sanctuary for a Tenebras songs and readings, 'Night of the Soul.'

The Easter sermon 'Death, Taxes and Re Three Certainties.' Dr. Bocke leads the celebras in the congregation for breakfast followed by a hunt. Services will be he a.m. (Janet Maestre on fil 10:45 a.m. (Dr. Jay Kaw Scott Merrick leading the brasts choir; Kenneth Matericks)

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learned that this form of learned that this form of noodle preparation is very popular there—for its visual appeal, as long thick strands of pasta are twirled and lengthened, and for the taste. Choi promises delicious pasta dishes including Fettuccini and Tortellini as part of his complete menu.

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Easter Sunday lunch and dinner reservations are invited by The Reef (1000 Embarcadero, near 880's 5th Ave. exit, Oakland; parking; 836-2519). This is a great place for Steak and Lobster, Thai dishes (hot and sour prawn soup is a must) and a taste of champagne with a great water view.

Lots of fresh fish choices at Art's Crab Shak (4031 Broadway, Oakland; 654-2864) for dinner. Large fresh salads and hot sandwiches are options at lunch here. The restaurant of-



Chef Daniel Choi 'noodle stretching.' Kerry House Rotisserie (4092 Piedmont Ave., Oakland; 652-4081).

poses. It should be a lively night. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are included in the admission price. And it's all for some great kids.

Also scheduled to

so scheduled for onte Ovest is Easter Sun-Piemonte Ovest is Easter ounday brunch beginning at 11

day brunch beginning a.m.

Chef Daniel Choi has been featured in Sunset Magazine and San Francisco Magazine and ontelevision. Choi, owner of the recently remodelled Kerry House Rotisserie (4092 Piedmont Ave., Oakland; 652-4081), learned "Chinese noodle stretching" while in Hong Kong. Word of Mouth

fers a full bar.

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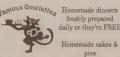
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Things wet and wild at Castro school science fair

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on the male's heads.
You could work with friends to You could work with friends to create imaginary water animals to decorate a mural for the school, or you could work with your mom or dad to map the route of goldfish in a shallow bowl.

It was an "Underwater World Festival," brought to the school by the Lawrence Hall of Science but actually made possible by the efforts of the Castro PTA.

"We'd never done anything like this before," said P.T.A. president Kathryn Maack. "We'd paid for assemblies during the school day, but here parents and kids could do something together."

Something together."

This time, she said, "we wanted something where parents could

come to the school and learn some-thing together with their kids...to promote parent involvement and family learning."

Together, parents and children could pet newts, turtles, crayfish and a big bullfrog, but one of the most popular stations was the one that Rudy Nevel took during the first shift

first shift.

Nevel, whose son (also named Rudy) is in the first grade at Castro, said he "requested the snake detail." Some kids were nervous, he said; others loved petting Sheldon, the 25-year-old, seven-foot-long Anaconda. The event was successful on all counts. Coordinator Joan Shurtz organized 46 parent volunteers to work at the 11 activity stations Lawrence Hall provided. Over 350 parents and kids attended the evening event in three shifts.

Feedback from everyone who participated in the event was great, Maack said, adding, "I'm sure we'll do it again."



Elizabeth Casdia, 2, pets Sheldon, held by parent volunteer Rudy Nevel

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a plate of spachett for lunch a waffle for breakfast or order a plate of spaghetti for lunch or dinner. A couple pieces of chicken will accompany your order. Wow, what a place for chicken lovers! Great taste. Footin Mouth. In last weeks column we published a pic-ture of Ben Chan, one of our

favorite restaurant owners. Chan, who owns Berkeley's Dragon House (1647 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 528-1299) restaurant, was pictured at one of his larger tables. What wasn't included on the page is a WoM comment about the food there. Picture but no story. Our goof, sorry Ben! Be assured that Chan and his staff are very proud of their cooking there and recommend the lightly fried dishes. They eschew heavy batters and use of oils and prepare a tempuralike fried prawn, oyster and fish. There are special bargains with their current advertisement coupon to be found on these pages, too.

Newly opened is Godmother's Restaurant-Catering-Take Out (933 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; 540-5111). Word of Mouth's old friends Taylor and Mike Dougherty, veteran restaurant inventors whose ventures included Oakland's Quigley's, have a bright corner location with a mini plaza. Sandwiches (hot, cold, specials, hot seafood and Brooklyn style), salads and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Chicken Dinners to go, plus lots more. favorite restaurant owners







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That offer, along with others, is still on the table, he said.
In the meantime, El Cerrito City Councilmember Cathie Kosel is convinced the move is political.
Kosel believes that the filing of the suit is meant to deal one more blow to the Redevelopment Agency which is currently facing a citizeninitiated referendum.
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over 2,500 signatures were gathered from El Cerrito residents asking that a redevelopment plan amendment already put into effect by an approved ordinance be placed on the ballot for voter approval.

"It's interesting when the county starts suing the City of El Cerrito," she said.

'It's clearly a political ploy. "I think it's a political ploy on the part of the Powers-Gann coali-tion to frustrate the growth of El

The Redevelopment Agency has not discussed the referendum since those signatures were turned in to City Hall last week.

Albany fire fighters assist Oakland bicyclist James Kenney, who was struck by a car at the intersection of Curtis Street and Marin Avenue on the morning of April 2. Kenney escaped with minor ankle injuries. Aron Bonar of Albany, the driver of the car involved, was not cited.

Lawsuit

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limitations."

He also said the county had not been aware that El Cerrito has been going through a referendum petition process concerning the redevelopment plan amendment.

"The county wasted its money (on filing a suit)," he said.

All redevelopment agencies must negotiate with a number of other government agencies when their plans are instituted or amended.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency must work with the Contra Costa College District, with East Bay Regional Park District, with AC Transit and others to come up with equitable revenue sharing.

If, for example, a proposed redevelopment housing project is projected to bring in 20 potential community college students, the Contra Costa College District is considered to be shouldering an extra bur-

den to which the redevelopment agency must contribute

In this case, said Raycraft, the county is claiming that "the taxes we take from them will cause them financial burden or detriment."

So far, however, the county has not "adequately demonstrated that burden or deficit" to the agency's satisfaction, he said.

satisfaction, he said.

"The county has a policy on redevelopment that they won't be harmed," he said, adding that the situation is an unfortunate one in his view, since El Cerrito has "done a lot of good projects with the county" — such things as low-income housing developments, for example.

But Raycraft has high hopes that

"We've offered them a lot of things," he said.

For instance, we said we'd build

Trees -

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value.
Stung by these remarks and what she feels is insensitivity to her health problems, Mrs. Sears circulated a letter among signers of the petition urging them to reconsider and remove their names. Two have done so, she said.
"Thave asked the city to remove the trees months ago, long before

"I have asked the city to remove the trees months ago, long before and during the underground work," she wrote. "Carmel Avenue trees are engulfing my home. The city does not care for them, nor remove the debris. It is up to me, I can't handle the leaves."

"I can't stay in my home when the trees pollinate. My immune system will not tolerate the constant exposure 24 hours a day...I pass out

system will not tolerate the constant exposure 24 hours a day...I pass out when exposed to the odor...I can't open my windows," she stated.

Mrs. Sears claims that in the 14 years she has lived in the house she previously experienced some allergic difficulties, but that her condition became much worse in the last two years. And when roots condition became much worse in the last two years. And when roots of the two camphors were exposed and cut during the undergrounding of utilities last spring, she experi-enced "swollen eyes, shortness of breath, dizziness, and fainting spells"

spells."

"We have spent over \$2,000 on doctors so far," says Walter Sears, who has lived in the house 30 years and maintains his C.P.A. office there. The Sears say that prior to consulting Berkeley allergist Jerome E. Kauffmann, who attested her "hyper allergy to the street trees at the corner of Portland and Carmel

Avenues," Mrs. Sears saw her own physician, an eye ear and nose specialist, and other allergists.

According to Mrs. Sears, Dr. Kauffman had never knowingly encountered another case of allergy to camphor trees before, and it took him several months of testing to identify the irritant.

There is no specific treatment for camphor allergies at present, and development of one would be both timely and costly, according to the Sears. Walter Sears says that Dr. Kauffman told them. "It would cost you more money than you want to find out what we could desensitize you with. You have only two choices: cut the trees down or move-out."

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Mrs. Sears is now under the care
of Dr. S.V. Guiffre of Pinole for
allegedly related problems. "I am
treating her for an acute upper
respiratory infection which began
with allergic Rhinits and allergic
sinusitis," Dr. Giuffre stated in a "To
whom it may concern" letter.

As word of the battle over the
trees spread, people from out of the
timmediate area began taking sides.
Peter Michaels, who resides at 628
San Carlos Ave, and is a member of
the Albany Planning and Zoning
Commission, wrote the Sears expressing his opposition to the removals, and stating, "We also intend
to enlist the support of the mayor
and City Council."

The letter, although handwritten,
was on the letterhead of the San
Francisco law firm of Cooper,
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Contract

a one-year extension of current con-tracts, however, Randall said "the prudent strategy at this time" was to continue to cover medical costs

to continue to cover medical costs in lieu of raising salaries.

All three employee groups came up for contract renewal at the same time, he said, and all three agreed to the extension of existing contracts which would have expired July 1—Local 302, International Brotherhood of Teamsters/El Cerrito Folice Firefighters; the El Cerrito Police Association; and the United Public Employees Local 790.

Wayne Mann is a corporal in the El Cerrito P.D. He's a member of the executive board of the police association and has been president of the association six of the last seven years. The group represents

seven years. The group represents everyone in the department except captains, lieutenants and the police

chief, including clerks, sworn officers, sergeants and corporals.

"I think it's a pretty realistic contract in the light of the current economic situation and the economic outlook," said Mann. "I think everybody thinks so."

Mann said that everyone was aware that no one else in the city had gotten a raise either and that when it came up before the association, the contract was approved by a unanimous vote.

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Council member
Norman
LaForce thanked the city's employees for agreeing to the memorandum, noting the difficulties of paying for family expenses, setting aside money for kids to go to college and saving for retirement underthe current, unchanged contract.

"It pains me very much that we are not able to provide more com-

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Retailer -

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thing positive is happening with the property. At the agency's February meet-ing, chair Norma Jellison had urged ing, chair Norma Jellison had urged members to give the company 10 years. Should a redevelopment project become available in seven years, it would take several years to get things moving at any rate, she said. In the meantime, the property would be in use and would be providing taxable sales for the city.

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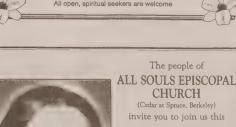
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Berkeley girls

and set one school record, but the deep Dragon girls team placed a lot

of swimmers in those races, won some other close races and swept the relays for a 109-76 win over Berkeley to remain undefeated on the season.

Yellowjacket senior Sam Velloz and sophomore Damon Williams were double winners for Berkeley. Velloz won the 200 IM in 2:10.4 and placed first in the 100 free at 51.7. Williams captured the 50 freestyle in 23.7 and won the 100

The Jacket girls have a disad-

vantage over many girls' teams because of their small size in numbers, but there are some talented swimmers and the big goal is making it to the North Coast Section meet at the end of

the season.

Berkeley head coach Philippe

Berkeley head coach Philippe Henri is pleased with the perfor-mance of his team and has high hopes for getting them in top physical form for NCS. Four swimmers take the lead in most of the races for the Jackets this season. Senior

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breaststroke in 1:05.0.

Where the Berkeley boys' won big however was in the relays. Velloz, Williams, and juniors Ben Schnayerson, Jeff McCulloch, Chris Harnett and sophomore Nathaniel Reinke made up the bulk of the Yellowjacket relays for wins in the 200 medley relay, the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay for double the points. double the points

O'Dowd's Nick Chen was the only double winner for the Dragon boys, taking the 200 freestyle in 2:00.5 and the 500 free in 5:31.3. Pat Govan added a 1:02.5 first place victory in the 100 backstroke for the Dragons, but it was not enough to overcome the Yellowjackets.

"Berkeley won all three relays," said O'Dowd head coach Dennis Dougherty. "They've got about eight guys that are really good. I've got three guys who are strong and a couple of freshmen that are figuring it out."

In the girls' meet Berkeley won the 100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM and 500 free, but O'Dowd captured all three relays and pulled out three extremely tight individual events for the overall victory.

Berkeley freshman Erika Zender set a school record in the 200 free, but she was out-touched at the wall by O'Dowd freshman and former teammate Jenna Childs. Childs won it in 2:01.59, while Zender was a fingertip away at 2:01.71 for second place. Zender's time broke the

Berkeley school record of 2:02.13 set by Michelle Berger last year.

"It was a great race," said Berkeley girls' coach Philippe Henri.
"They were synchronized the whole time. I knew she was going to break it, because she missed it on Saturday (April 27) by 1/100th of a second."

Zender and Childs swam to-gether at Golden Bear and they looked perfectly equal on Wednes-day. "They trained together, so it was a close race," said Dougherty of the Zender-Childs competition.

The 50 free went much the same The 50 free went much the same way for Berkeley junior Felice Botts, who came a fraction of a second away from winning the event. O'Dowd's Gina Vittori touched the pool wall at 27.65 just ahead of Botts at 27.68.

Another exciting race ended with a second-place finish for Berkeley. Berger swam a 1:09.64 in the 100 breaststroke, finishing just behind O'Dowd's Sarah Vick who won the race in 1:09.20.

It wasn't all disappointment for the Yellowjackets. Zender won the 100 free in 57.5, Botts captured the 100 fly in 1:09.4 and Berger won the 500 free in 5:33.7. Junior Jes-sica Sullivan was aa winner in the 200 IM in 2:26.4.

Berkeley junior Sara Trott won the diving competition over O'Dowd's Andrea Jani and Monica Kearney. Trott had the best of six dives to take home the gold.

Baseball Roundup

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

The Bay Valley Athletic League's first week of play was a nightmarish one for El Cerrito and Berkeley: both teams lost a pair of contests, the former a 2-1 no-hit nailbiter by Ygnacio Valley Friday.. Mike Scott was the tough-luck loser for the Gauchos (5-4, 0-2) despite tossing a five-

the tough-luck loser for the Gauchos (5-4, 0-2) despite tossing a invehitter.

Lefty Mark Miller, with seventh-inning relief help from Fernando Morales, stopped El Cerrito's hitting attack cold, while Tim King provided the margin of victory with a two-out, two-run sixth-inning single off Scott, who had no-hit the visitors for four and two-thirds innings. "That's one of the best games Scott's pitched for us on the varsity," said El Cerrito coach Dennis Abel. "I was glad to see him throw that well; he threw all of his pitches for strikes. But we couldn't give him support offensively because Miller threw such a good game."

It was the second time this spring that Miller and Morales combined for a no-hitter (the first was against College Park in March). For the day, Miller fanned seven Gaucho hitters while walking six. Morales got out of a seventh-inning jam with two strikeouts, the last being Jesse Lucas with runners on second and third. Scott, who threw 57 strikes in an 88-pitch complete game, walked one and struck out four Ygnacio Valley hitters. El Cerrito took an early lead in the fourth inning as Joe Pearce walked, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error by Miller on an attempted suicide squeeze. Meanwhile, Scott retired 14 of the first 15 hitters he faced. But in the fifth, the visitors got two hits before King's big single.

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Two days earlier the Gauchos lost to host Pinole Valley 8-4 as Kwanza Graggs (1-2) was the victim of five errors. "Against Pinole, we just didn't play very well," admitted Abel, whose team gave up five unearned runs. "We had some opportunities to score, but didn't capitalize either." Mike Hughes had a two-for-two day for the Gauchos, whose offensive highlight was a two-run pinch single by Todd Johnson in the sixth inning.

El Cerrito co-hosts its own six-team tournament beginning with two games on Monday (at 1 and 3:30 p.m.) against St. Patrick's of Vallejo and Mission-San Jose respectively. Meanwhile, Albany will play at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Pinole Valley. The tourney, which will finish at Cerrito Vista Field, will continue for four consecutive days, with Albany and Newark hooking up at 1 p.m. Tuesday. The championship contest will be at 1 p.m. next Thursday.

Berkeley High's baseball team (3-5, 0-2) twice blew leads in losses to



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team,"said Barker. "All four played andidge-Wong is back that is all behind her. een our number one descenth-year Albany 1 Loring Barker of 1 Loring Barker of 1 Loring Barker of 2 exodus. Returning are four seniors and two juniors who should provide solid play for the team. Senior Candy Emert is back, moving from first base to catcher. "She's generally been a first baseman," said Barker of Emert.

junior Miranda Zeiger are next in line to inherit the starting pitching position. Davis pitched for the junior varsity team last year as a fresh-man and Zeiger did the same as a sophomore, but neither has seen much time on varsity with Sandidge-Wong doing the bulk of

"Both of them have been pitchboth of them have been preci-ing for a couple of years," said Barker of Davis and Zeiger, "Rachel has been doing most of the pitch-ing, Lauren has a little bit of speed, but she's got to work on her form

Also missing from this season's line-up is all-league catcher Anna Sikora, who is starting behind the plate at Stanford, shortstop Becky Hopkirk, center fielder Lauren Billings, and Gragg, who played third base when she wasn't pitching.

"We lost the whole center of the team," said Barker. "All four played varsity and summer league hall. It

"She's got a good arm and a pretty good glove. You kind of have to have that down-and-dirty mental-ity and she's too much of a perfec-tionist, but she's a good hard worker."

Junior Jessica Vohs played catcher for the junior varsity last season and she is splitting time with Emert behind the plate this year. Vohs plays in the outfield when Emert is catching.

Senior Karen Eaton is returning

Senior Karen Eaton is returning. Eaton plays first base and outfield, depending on the lineup for the day, and she is the team's big hitter in the No. 4 spot.

"She's been hitting real well for us," said Barker of Eaton. "She's pretty strong and she's got a smooth stroke. She hits both the fastball and the slowball."

Senior Andi Accurso returns as an all-league player at second and third base. "Andi is our lead-off hitter," said Barker. "She's a good runner. She's taking kind of a leadership role.

Senior outfielder Hillary Andrew and junior infielder Maya Orozco (second and third base) return from the varsity squad that won the Shore Division of the ESAL

"So I've got a fairly good core of returning players," said Barker. "Everyone I've have I feel I can play them at various spots, even in important games."

Sophomores Jessie Wofsy and Miki Gray join the varsity ranks and senior Jenny Forrest comes back after a two-year hiatus. Wofsy is playing shortstop and Gray is stationed in the outfield with Forrest, who also takes time at first base.

base.

"Jessie is doing a good job," said
Barker. "Miki plays first base and
some outfield. She's a big strong
girl. She's played mostly slow pitch
up to this point. Jenny is back from
before, she played JV a couple of
years ago."

years ago."

Up from the junior varsity are junior outfielder Julie Chung and senior second base/outfielder Bianca Abrams.

Bianca Abrams.

Albany has won the Shore Division the last three years, but that string is in jeopardy because Bishop O'Dowd moves from the East Division to the Shore Division and has powerhouse freshman pitcher than the power house the string is the string of the string in the str Jenny Lizama, who gives the Dragons an edge to win the league. Albany went 2-3 in preseason

See ALBANY SOFTBALL, next page

St. Mary's shines at Oakland Invitational

By Peter Mentor

St. Mary's showed it is still one of the most powerful boys' track teams in the state when it beat out more than 50 teams from all over California to win the at the Oakland Invitational Relays Saturday at Edwards Stadium on the Cal-Barkelay or power.

Berkeley campus.

The Panthers won the meet without their top two sprinters, although they had a little help from although they had a little help from the absence of John Muir High and Duarte High from Southern California when those two teams failed to show. St. Mary's exemplified a simple fact in track that a deep, well-rounded team can beat teams with a few big studs.

The meet was close heading into the last two events with the mile relay and the triple jump yet to come. Announcer Keith Conning told the audience the partial score was tied 63-63 between St. Mary's and Amador Valley up to

Mary's and Amador Valley up to

that point.
In the mile (1,600-meter) relay,
St. Mary's led through the first

three legs and was heading for a victory Brian Lewis, the 100-meter dash champion from Highlands High, smoked the field with a stundash champion from Highlands High, smoked the field with a stunning finish to give his team first place in 3:22.70. The Panther team of Doug Boyd, Chris Loh, Jonevan Hornsby and Marlon Monroe finished in a season best 3:24.0 to pick up six more points for second place. St. Mary's collected four more points from Rah-mu Brown's earlier fourthplace finish in the long jump off a 21-71/4 leap and the meet was down to one final event.

In the triple jump, Brown garnered another fourth place finish at 44-9, while teammate James Reed scored fifth at 44-6 and the meet belonged to the Panthers.

St. Mary's closed the contest with 83 points, Amador Valley placed second at 63, followed by Monte Vista (54), Silver Creek of San Jose (49), James Logan and Livermore (tied for fourth at 38), Highlands of Sacramento, Mt. Pleasant of San Jose, Yerba Beuna and a tie for 10th

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BHS swimmers

Michelle Berger is the oldest of the

Michelle Berger is the oldest of the four and provides the team with the leadership only an upperclassman can bring. Joining her are juniors Jessica Sullivan and Felice Botts and freshman Erika Zender as the brightest talents.

Zender, 14, has been swimming for seven years, or half her life. She broke the Berkeley all-time 200 freesty'e record last week in 2.0.1.3. Zender is a versatile swimmer competing in the freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly events. She enjoys swimming for the high school and compared it to swimming for the Golden Bears club team, with which she trains year-round even during the high school season.

"It's more of a team effort and

"It's more of a team effort and winning an event is more important in high school," said Zender. "When you're in a club it's more for your time."

Zender's favorite event is the Zender's favorite event is the 100 breast and her best is a 1:10; she hopes to pare that time down to a 1:08 by the end of this season.

Sullivan is also in her seventh year of swimming. Her best events are the 200 individual medley, 200

Roundup

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De La Salle (10-6 last Tuesday) and Clayton Valley (14-9 Thurs-day) as Yellowjacket pitchers com-bined to allow 22 hits and as many

After today's El Cerrito contest, Berkeley will play in the eight-team San Rafael Tournament, be-

ginning with a Tuesday contest against Vacaville at 3 p.m. In the first inning of the De La Salle game, the Jackets erupted for four runs, aided by two-run singles by Trigg Splenda and George Woollev

free and 500 free, but she also does

free and 500 free, but she also does the fly. She says training for club and high school teams is different, but they both demand a lot of time. "The way we train at my club we really work out," said Sullivan. "We do a lot of distance, so we are prepared. It teaches you a lot about life in general. You know when you work hard it will pay off. People will support you. It teaches you to budget your time. You have to get everything done at the same time."

Botts, who is only her second year as a varsity swimmer, swims sprints and 100 fly, which she won in 1:09.4 against Bishop O'Dowd last week.

Henri expects all four swimmers to make North Coast in individual event and as part of the relays. To do that swimmers must do events during the season within a quali-

Berger has already met qualify-g times for the IM, breast, 200 Berger has already met qualifying times for the IM, breast, 200 and 500 free. Zender qualified for the 200 and 500 free and has met consideration times for the fly and 100 free. Sullivan ought to make the IM and maybe the fly, while Botts is close in the 100 fly and possibly the 50 free.

Alli Abrew also delivered RBI

Alli Abrew also delivered RBI singles in each inning and a late two-run Berkeley rally wasn't enough to offset the 11-hit attack by the winners.

Andres Cediel also drove in two runs for the Yellowjackets last Tuesday, a bases-loaded single in the fifth inning. Against Clayton Valley Thursday, Berkeley managed a four-run fifth frame to take a brief 6-5 lead, then watched the host school tally nine runs in the

host school tally nine runs in the bottom half of the frame to ice the

Robbie Allen's two-run single gave the Jackets life midway through the contest, but losing pitcher Oliver Petit (0-3) was

touched for a three-run homer by Chris Vecchio and the visitors (who

made four errors) never recovered.

Berkeley scored its other runs
on RBI singles by Roshan Jain and
Asa Gifford, an RBI double by Chris

"We'd like to see those big girls place within the top three in those events at league," said Henri. "Both free relays are in (NCS) and the medley relay, we have to drop that time a bunch."

Henri expects diver Sara Trott to make North Coast as well. The junior won against O'Dowd and is junior won against U Dowd and is improving as the season goes along. "She's good," said Henri of Trott. "I will hope she makes it to North Coast. I always thought she was capable of competing at that level." Henri said his team doesn't have the depth to do a lot on league, but there are some other swimmers who

there are some other swimmers will help win some meets before North Coast.

Junior Susannah Blumenstock is another diver who is improving this year. Junior Alice Wong reached her best time in breast (1:16.97) against O'Dowd. Senior Sarah Hirsch is on the bubble for NCS consideration in the 200 IM Sarah Hirsch is on the bubble for NCS consideration in the 200 IM and fly, and freshman Elizabeth Rapoport has "an outside chance at the 200 free, 500 free and IM," said Henri. "She's new to swimming and improving very fast."

Nextweek: Berkeley High School boys team will be profiled.

McElroy and a sacrifice fly by Pete

As the East Shore Athletic League approaches the halfway point, both St. Mary's and Albany high schools have struggled, but play in Easter tourneys in order to bolster their offenses for the stretch run. While St. Mary's dropped a pair of two-run contests in Alameda, the Cougars offense sput-

meda, the Cougars offense sput-tered in two defeats in ESAL ac-

tion.
St. Mary's (4-8, 2-3) lost to perennial league powerhouses Encinal (6-5) and Alameda (7-6) last Wednesday and Friday, coming back from early deficits but falling short. Josh Eveland (1-1) took the loss against Encinal while fellow sophomore Mike Sanders dropped his second league game at Alameda.

St. Mary's

Track

between Vallejo and San Leandro
Bishop O'Dowd took first in the

between Vallejo and San Leandro.
Bishop O'Dowd took first in the
girls' meet and Skyline of Oakland
was third, showing that high school
track for both genders in the Bay
Area is among the best in the state.
What really got things going for
the Panthers was winning the first
boys' race of the day in the sprint
medley. The team of juniors Jamaal
Taylor, Jerome Spence, Boyd and
the sophomore Hornsby won the
race in 3:36.8, leaving second-place
Monte Vista in their dust at 3:46.68.
"Once we won that we knew we

"Once we won that we knew we had a good chance to win the meet," said St. Mary's head coach Jay Lawson. "We got second in five different events: the shot, discus, 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800. We scored in the jumps hurdles shot scored in the jumps, hurdles, shot, discus, and sprints. We showed it was more than wins, it was a team

Sophomores Joel Young and Hornsby, junior Jordan Jorosz and the senior Loh combined for sec-ond place in the 3200 relay in 8:13.5. Monte Vista won the event in 8:05.7.

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Loh placed sixth in the open 800 in 2:04.33 and Monroe took sixth in the 400 dash in 52.64.

In the field events, Ishan Warren placed second in both the discus and shot with only the top competitors in both events beating him out.

Warren had a 51-4 1/2 well ahead of both Tar Zach Abad of Bishop almost three feet bel Geoff Elbert of Yerba

Warren placed secutions at 136-6, behind with Nutter of Amador at other athletes concer ints for his No. 2 pl

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lier in the season," s of Spence. "Those ers on the team

Albany softball-

and was 2-3 in league before spring break this week. The Cougars won their first two league games in landslides victories, beating Richmond 25-1 and St. Elizabeth 21-1. Encinal handed Albany its first league loss at 10-7 in the last game Sandidge-Woong played before her suspension.

Davis and Zeiger put in a combined effort in the 23-15 loss in seven innings to Salesian in what Barker described as a "wild and woolly game."

Salesian had a slim 1-0 lead in

Salesian had a slim 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Al-bany scored five runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead.

Salesian tied it 5-5 in the top of the second and Albany scored five more runs in the bottom of the second inning for a 10-5 lead and it looked like it would be a good day for the Cougars.

Salesian battled back and took the lead with a seven-run third in-ning. Albany scored just once in the bottom half and was down 12-

Salesian scored four runs in both

the fourth and fifth innings and another in the top of the fifth, put-ting the Cougars in danger of losing to the 10-run rule.

Albany rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth, but the Cougars were shutout in the seventh inning to take the loss. The team was disappointed with the two losses, but Barker said the games were not boring.

"They were both evenly

"They were both evenly atched, interesting games," said

"And exciting, because it wasn't a blowout on either side." Accurso went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, Orozco hit three singles and An-

drew went 2-for-4 at the

Albany then met A Wednesday and fell 11 Alameda is the favo the East Division this s pitcher Angie Jones.

"She's a good pite Barker of Jones. "She't has good control and a We did well conside pitcher. I was more disa the Salesian game."

Alameda scored thr the first inning and for the second and thirding Albany got control an Hornets down for the

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Woolley.
From that point on the Spartans' winning pitcher Eric Ferguson settled down, retiring 10 straight hitters before tiring. Meanwhile, the visitors tallied six runs in the fourth inning to give Ryan Connors-Copeland (3-1) a loser for the first time this spring.
Spartan standout Brent Bianchina delivered an RBI single during a two-run third frame, then brought home two more in the fourth with another single. CONTINENTAL VOLVO

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East Bay Events This Week



Ray Young
uiffe (Manny Miro) woos Madame Orgon (Jennifer Pawinek) as her husband (John Lohr) looks on.

tors Ensemble revives Moliere classic

tors Ensemble revives Mollere Classic ginning tomorrow at 8 p.m., Actors Ensemble of Berkeley as a five-week run of Moliere's Tartuffe, the story of a super con who gets his comeuppance. "From the time Tartuffe worms his mot the confidence of a prosperous bourgeois (Orgon), nothing can him. Soon he gains control of the rich man's wealth. Then he asks agon's daughter's hand. Meanwhile he's slyly seeking Madame 19s favors." The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings through 9, with a performance on Thursday, May 6; all shows are at 8 p.m. to 20st Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. Call 3620 for tickets, which are \$8.

ngston Hughes work at Black Rep

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he black Repertory Group presents Langston Hughes' Little
he beginning tonight. The play shows the high-spirited life of the
lefter Renaissance Era of "Shuffle Along" and the Cotton Club, an
exemplified by the perpetual hustle for money to survive." Hughes
he best-known of the poets and playwrights to emerge from the
lefter Renaissance Era, and the Black Rep's production is a tribute to
hatural knack for bringing relevant truths out in a tongue-in-cheek
met that kept you laughing but sent you home thinking."
her truth that the standays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. (with a few
highons), with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m., through May 8. Tickets
10, available at the Black Repertory Group box office. The theater
301 Adeline St., Berkeley; phone: 652-2120.

CCT presents 'Nunsense'

e Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents Dan Goggin's Nunt, a farce about the Little Sisters of Hoboken, known as the "Little
ts" as they "sing, dance and generally raise Cain, all in the name of
taising." This musical is on its way to setting off-Broadway
dist. The CCCT version plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.
the May 29, with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees April 25, May 2, 16 and
the CCCT theater, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$11
al, \$4 for those under 13. Call 524-9132 for reservations.

ntasticks' in Alameda

Vansense wants to break records, the long-run record is held by antasticks, which has been playing at the same New York theater 1960. It plays at the Altarena Playhouse Fridays and Saturdays 1 p.m. through May 22, with 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees April 18 lay 16. Tickets are \$5 to \$8. The theater is at 1409 High St.,

ngdon Square' at UC-Berkeley

University Theatre's '92-93 season ends with Maria Irene Abingdon Square. Set in New York City during World War I, it is "the consequences of a young girl's sexual and emotional usings and her troubled marriage to a much older man." It plays dwys through Sundaya the

ways through Sundays this and next at Zellerbach Playbehind Zellerbach Hall on 10 campus. Sunday perforas are at 2 p.m., others at 8 Tickets are \$6 to \$10. Call

ays at La Val's

shotgun Players prewo one-act plays by David
th, All Men Are Whores and
Shawl, at La Val's Subteralleater, 1834 Euclid Ave.,
thy, Thursdays through Satstrough April 24. Tickets
to \$10; call 869-4669 for
motions.

Monday only, Upstart sents a reading of Don And the Derelicts de a socialite and a slob a play filled with pan-nd panache"), also at La berranean, at 7:30 p.m.; -3123 for more informa-



A print by Lisa Evens, one of three printmakers featured at the Studio One Art Center, 365 45th St., Oakland, through May 20. The others are Julie-Dodd Tetzlaff and Takeshi Nakayoshi. A reception is scheduled for April 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is sponsored by Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation; 655-4767.

^{Russian} program from Oakland Opera

Oakland Opera presents the second of a series of Sunday on concerts at the historic Dunsmuir House, followed by tea on mada. Sunday's program is the music of Rachmaninoff, Borodin, Jovsky and Scriabin, performed by bass Borls Vitkun and Arkadi Serper. Tickets for this benefit are \$30. Call 832-0559 servations. The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. in the parlor of the light House. (Take the 106th Ave. exit from I-580 east, then follow the mansion.)

More events

David Murray expands the limits of jazz

■ Murray gathered a quartet of headliners in their own right.

By June Steward

There was a time when the saxophone was considered too sensual and erotic to be played on the radio. Jazz musicians had translated the torment of lust and seduction into a breathy art form.

Jazz

Saxophonist David Murray, Saxophonist David Murray, who brought his quartet to Yoshi's last week, brings sensuality to his music, as well as playfulness, a range of musical styles from bebop to avant-garde to down-home rhythm and blues, and a virtuosity that has made him one of the most recorded artists in 1227. artists in jazz

artists in jazz.

Because Murray is practically omnipresent in the music scene, his audience reflects his diverse appeal — from young hip-hoppers to modern rockers to a staid, professorial type that would seem perfectly at home at a Bach festival.

Murray, probably best known for his work with the World Saxo-phone Quartet, was accompanied by some of the finest jazz musi-cians in the business — Rasheed Ali on drums (he was the last

drummer to play with Miles Davis) and John Hicks on piano (he played with Charles Mingus) and Wilbur Morris on bass.

They started off the set with "Woodshed Etude" a straight-ahead tune that allowed Murray to show off his blasts, bleats and squeals. The quartet has a perfect blend of talent.

This was followed by a Brazil-ian-flavored odyssey that rambled all over a samba-inspired land-scape without a moment of redun-dancy or incoherence.

A Berkeley High alumnus, Murray plays with his whole body, as if the instrument were a part of him, and he seems to enjoy investing his music with laughter, grunts of pleasures and squeals of joy all through the sound of his horn.

He is accomplished at playing long, continuous riffs without stopping for air.

One of the standout numbers was "Chas," written in memory of Charles Mingus. It was a moody tune interrupted by Murray's reedy barks and deep throttled grunts on the bass clarical conjuring up the man bigger of the conjuring up the conjugate up th conjuring up the man himself his fire and presence.

Murray has expanded the boundaries of jazz through his improvisations and compositions; at 38 he is already on a par with Byrd, Miles and Armstrong.



Master saxophonist David Murray at Yoshi's Keystone Korner

OEBS concert a community festival

■ Lane and the choirs shone in Beethoven's Choral Fantasy.

By Don McConnell

Saturday's concert by the Oak-land East Bay Symphony involved lots of young artists— string players from some 22 trainganizations as well as the nont Choirs and teenage pianist Nysa Lane

Orchestra

The string players joined the

The string players joined the strings of the symphony in a Vaughan Williams piece; the others joined the full symphony for Beethoven's Choral Fantasy.

As is Morgan's practice, the program included a premiere. For the first time (I believe), that premiere was the centerpiece of the program—a substantial (35 minute) work, the Symphony No. 2 of Daron Aric Hagen. The three movements had each been premiered earlier (the first of them by Morgan with the Chicago by Morgan with the Chicago Or Norgan with the Chicago Civic Orchestra, the group he conducts when not in Oakland); but this was the first complete performance of the work. The symphony is an impres-

sive and often wonderful work by a composer with an original and fully developed language. The first movement opens somewhat forbiddingly, dominated by the brass; at first the only recognizable coherence was required.

brass; at first the only recognizable coherence was provided by a clearly defined rhythmic pattern.

Very soon, though, the piece becomes enjoyable, then beautiful—not a common thing in a first hearing of a complex modern work. It seemed to be closest to the music of John Adams in Harmonielehre. There was no underlying ostinato (as in Adams), but there was the overlaying of many fragmentary textures and patterns.

There was also the use of structures and dramatic devices that are familiar and unifying in the midst of what overwise seems chaotic.

chaotic.

For example, in the second movement, after building up a complex texture, Hagen overlays it with a bittersweet string melody, almost a traditional "grand theme." Neither the theme nor the texture it rides over may be families but the combination. be familiar, but the combination is one we knew how to respond

far more conservative, recognizably an elegy with more than a touch of Mahler. Introduced by an

extended and very tentative harp solo, the movement turns Mahlerian (ironic waltzes and all) before referring to quite a few 20th-century styles so recognizably that they seemed intended to be recognized. The name of the movement was "Common Ground," though the program notes say that it expressed Hagen's emotions at the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The piece ends with an extended, and moving, fading away. The composer was present, though this wasn't known until after the applause had begun to fade a bit. It's a testimony to the generosity of the audience that, after Hagen stood up, the real applause began.

The concert began with a sumptuous performance of Dvorak's Carnival Overture. The string tone in particular was gorecous. Morean emphasized the

rak's Carnival Overture. The string tone in particular was gor-geous. Morgan emphasized the tranquil and melancholy inter-ludes to an almost comic degree; it was lovely to hear but funny to think of a carnival striking any-body so deeply. body so deeply.

Morgan assembled 145 string players for Vaughan Williams' Concerto Grosso, based on the number of names printed in the program. That included 106 violins. It's an absurd number, if you think about it—if you'd heard it, you wouldn't have to think about

tered.
On the plus side, the youthful players did not sour the ensemble—a real surprise, since the last such professional-amateur collaboration I heard (on a much small-er scale) produced painfully sour results. Yet I'm suspicious: on Saturday, many of those bows weren't moving.

weren't moving.

The whole thing was fun for the festival air it produced, but the texture soon became cloying and made the piece's five movements seem all the same and endless

less.
For festivity, though, nothing came close to the Beethoven. The Choral Fantasy (or Fantasia for Piano, Chorus and Orchestra) is a guilty secret love of most Beethoven lovers. It's impossible to take it very seriously, so incoherent and fluffy is most of it. But every note is trademark herent and fluffy is most of it. But every note is trademark Beethoven, and amazingly, the final choral-orchestra sections not only look forward to the Ninth Symphony, they are so similar to it that they seem almost quota-tions. The piano-and-orchestra section, on the other hand, is dis-tinctly inferior to the Master's tos. Still, for co

Oakland Symphony Chorus delivers a thriller

At the end of the Oakland Symphony Chorus' Saturday per-formance at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, something very unusual happened. The chorus, with the accompaniment of four pianists, five soloists, and six per-cussionists from the Peninsula's

Chorus

Redwood Symphony, had just finished performing Stravinsky's Les Noces (The Wedding).

The last vibrations of the chime-and-keyboard rings which ended the piece had gradually faded away, and the lights had darkened on the chorus, until the hall was steeped in silence and peace.

The applause that followed The applause that followed was so sustained and so tremendous that it struck me that the audience had not wanted the piece to end, and were picking up its ceaseless rhythms where they'd left off. Redwood Symphony conductor Eric Kujawsky accepted the ovation and flowers. The soloists bowed. The chorus and instrumentalists were acknowledged. Magen Solomon, director of the chorus, came forward to accept her share in the acclaim. Still, the applause continued

At a loss for another soul to honor, Kujawsky did something I had never seen before. He held up the score of Stravinsky's Les Noces. No further explanation

was necessary.

This piece was the second half of a concert of the chorus, a concert which began with Brahms' Neue Liebeslieder (not to be confused with the Liebeslieder Waltzes), and two songs by Barber. They were performed well but without magic—an absence which can be accounted for by three things: the vastness of the auditorium, into which a considerable amount of sound escaped; the fact that everyone was laying the fact that everyone was laying the same instrument (their bod-ies), hence opportunities for evocative timbral distinctions were minimal; but mostly, in all

these were not among their best The Neue Liebeslieder were

deference to two fine composers

somewhat turgid, despite clear somewhat turgid, despite clear enunciation, careful attention to dynamic shadings, and several fine solos, particularly by soprano Maxine Butler and tenor Mark Lew. There was virtually no transparency in the written choral lines, and only one thoroughly lyrical song, sung by the Women's Chorus.

Barber, famous for his serene, felicitous string writing, did not

felicitous string writing, did not match it in his two songs, "To Be Sung on the Water" and "The Coolin'," which were harmoni-cally bland and rhythmically

There was nothing wrong with the singing, but by intermission, I was not relishing my task of sum-ming up the skill of the chorus based on what they had sung so

Then came Les Noces, and from the first strike of the cymbal and xylophone, with its Oriental melodies over polytonal chords in rhythms hypnotizing with muted

For the next 20 minutes, with the crispest chanted declamations fraught with syncopated accents in ever-shifting asymmetrical

meters, the chorus was the engi meters, the chorus was the engine of relentless energy that drove the sparkling piano percussion, precise, exotic accents from cymbals, wood blocks, xylophone and snares, and perfect, concentrated solos by soprano Cheryl Keller, mezzo Leslie Hassberg, tenor J. Wingate Greathouse, Baritone Stephen Walsh, and from the chorus, Thomas Blackadar, bass.

Never did two parts collide:

Never did two parts collide: with an intricacy of meter and high-wire balancing of color more technically virtuosic than Petrushka, the wedding story unfolded like a flawless, twirling

Piano passages rivaled the most rhapsodic drives of *Petrushka's* celeste. Rhythms matched its intensity with harmonies fresher

primeval discord of Le Sacre.

The performance was equal to the music. And you can hear it: The Rite of Spring and Les Noces will be recorded for San Francisco-based Clarity Recordings by the Redwood Symphony and the Oakland Symphony Chorus in the fall of 1993. I'm ordering mine in advance.

East Bay Events continued



Duncan Macfarland and Clare Whistler

Dance Series features Jon Weaver and Macfarland/Whistler companies

The Bay Area Dance Series concludes this week with two programs. Tonight and Friday at 8 p.m., Jon Weaver & Company present two duets, one group and two solo works, including the premier of Transparent Joys, to an original score by Miguel Frasconl and "an invisible cast of thousands." The myth-based The Women Who Married a Bear is a solo about sacrifice and transformation uniting humans and other animals, to music by the taiko group Kodo. Performances are at the Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St., Oakland.

'A small army of performers' — On Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., the Macfarland/Whistler DanceArtCompany coordinates The Plaza, a performance in the plaza in front of the Laney College Theatre, involving "a small army of performers of all ages and types." A number of artists interpret the theme "children, parents, family and community, and being a person in a world of people." The second part of the program is in the theatre.

Tickets to either event are \$5 to \$12, available by calling 889-9500 or BASS/TM (762-BASS), or at the door.

More dance 'Works in the Works'

The "Works in the Works" series continues Sunday at the Eighth Street Studio (2525 Eighth St. (corner of Dwight Way), Berkeley). The following choreographers or performance artists will appear: Marcy Risque/Kitty Luce and Roberta Shaw (dance, theater), Natasha Seville (interpretive dance), Cathleen Daly (movement theater), Janet Keller (monologist), Robyn Marshall (poet) and Ann Seward (dance). Mary Reid is the host. 7:30 p.m.; \$6; 653-2699.

Chamber Music Sundae on Sunday

Members of the San Francisco Symphony will present another "Chamber Music Sundae" this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. The program consists of Turina's Piano Trio, Bartok's Quartet No. 5, Bridge's "Lament" and Arensky's Piano Trio. Tickets are \$9 to \$12, available at the door and reservable by calling 84-JULIA.

Allen Ginsburg and colleagues

Three poets will read from their works tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. The event is a benefit for radio station KPFA-FM and the Middle East Children's Alliance. The poets are Allen Ginsberg; Wanda Coleman, author of Heavy Daughter Blues, Mad Dog Black Lady and Hand Dance; and Piri Thomas, author of Down These Mean Streets and Stories From El Barrio. Admission is \$6 to \$10. Call 548-0542 for more information.

Kala Institute's Fellowship Exhibition

The Kala institute, an artist-run cooperative that offers working space to graphic artists, presents its "Fellowship Exhibition," featuring works by Margareta Bergman-Slutzkin, Robert Brokl, Tomoko Murakami and Herlinde Spahr, today through May 15 at its gallery at 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. There's a reception tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. On April 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Spahr presents a slide show/lecture on printmaking. Call 549-2977 for more information.



Four sections of the qulit 'Through the Windows of My Mind,' by Alison Schwabe, part of an exhibit at New Pieces Fabric and Chamber Music, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, through May 5. Schwabe spent much of her life in the Australian outback; now she works with the Colorado design group Quilt Explorations. Gallery phone: 527-6779.

Two new operas stuck in a time war

■ Works by Liderman and Davies were performed by Berkeley Contemporary Opera.

By Rocky Leplin

Three elements comprise opera: musica, action based on the libretto, and spectacle. With exception of Meyerbeer, if a composer has ever faced a conflict,

Opera

music has held sway. If the music works, it doesn't matter whether

music has held sway. If the music works, it doesn't matter whether the subject is gods or goldfish, whether all the actors do is sing, which is what occurred during the reign of bel canto, or whether the set is a naked stage. If the music fails, it will inevitably drag the other elements down with it.

I wish I could say that the two new operas performed by Berkeley Contemporary Opera last week were outstanding in at least one of those three elements. The operas were Antigona Furiosa, by Jorge Liderman from the play by Griselda Gambaro, and Peter Maxwell Davies' The Lighthouse. If I did, it would not have mattered: their music, written in the now virtually mainstream idiom of a dissonant, devolutionary, atonal, tuneless and desultorily rhythmic springboard for sonic effects however brazen, would have spoiled the other elements no matter how high their stars ascended, which was in any case barely over the horizon.

Liderman, a professor at UC-Berkeley, is commissioned and performed endlessly, everywhere. Either he wrote this score when he had a raging flu, or the current embrace of such "new music" by the contemporary mainstream ranks at the level of intelligence

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ranks at the level of intelligence of walking your pet rock.

In fact this music was not new—it was created 80 years ago when Schoenberg, a genuine revolutionist, showed just how far you could replace the absolute suspension of melody connected by recognizable rhythms with whatever you wished.

by recognizatic raythms with whatever you wished.

But Schoenberg was a genius.

Since then the concept has been driven into the ground, but people keep writing it and playing it just as if the results were fresh rather than generic, stale and, ultimately, boying

boring.

For those quick to forget, in Sophocles' Antigone, of which this opera was an updating, Antigone defied her uncle, King



Antigona (Claudine Jones) with Antinoo (Miguel Gonzales) and Corifeo (William Berget

Creon, by performing funeral rites over her brother Polynices, and for that was condemned to be immured alive in a cave.

Antigona Furiosa was under-Aires, where two patrons argue the pros and cons of Antigone's actions. taken in a cafe in modern Buenos

ctions.

Set in a country where thouands "disappeared," the symbolsm was transparent—or at least it
hould have been.

In a minimalistic use of "virtu-

In a minimalistic use or "virual reality," one of three screens behind the stage depicted at times the face of the singer in profile, while the other screens depicted images of whatever director Philip Lowery and designer Kevin Cain wanted to project on them.

Kevin Cain wanted to project on them.

With volumes of images at their disposal, this would have been an excellent opportunity to supplement the dialogues between the cafe patrons and the monologues of Antigone—which, added together, produced almost no drama—with some hard-hitting, graphic photos of the Dirty War at its worst. Instead, what was shown were a few unhappy faces, the cafe patrons in uniform, alabaster nudes with no hands, and finally, at the opera's end, a couple of shots of a lot of dead people. It was, if possible, an anticlimax.

Claudine Jones was outstanding as Antigona, William Berges excellent as Corifeo, and Miguel

Antinoo (Miguel Gonzales) and
Gonzales fair as Antinoo.

The Lighthouse looked more promising: in 1900, a supply ship stopped at a lighthouse in the Outer Hebrides. As Davies explains, "(It) looked like it had been left in a hurry, and the lamp, though out, was in perfect working order, but the men had disappeared into thin air."

The opera began with a court of inquiry. Three ship officers left the proceedings and entered the empty lighthouse. The music of this scene sounded remarkably similar to that of the preceding opera—until someone spied a broken cup.

opera—until someone spied a broken cup.

Then, for no logical reason, the small orchestra erupted into cacophony, as if the cup itself contained the remnants of the contained the remnants of the lighthouse keepers. Articulations of his structural intentions aside, Davies thereafter extracted every conceivable sound from his orchestra, and though some were engaging, they contained few meaningful connections either to each other or to the action onstage.

onstage.

At first, the singing of Officer Sandy (Marc Lowenstein, BCO's musical director) and Officer Blazes (William Neely) was so consistently emphatic that the mellower intonation of Officer Arthur (Richard Mix) was a relief simply in that it revised a consistently emphatic that the mellower intonation of Officer Arthur (Richard Mix) was a relief simply in that it revised a consistent of the constant of the simply in that it provided a con

The scene was devoid of humor until the officers discovered the place was swarming with

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stage.

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gious zealot whose prophesies of doom g more monstrous, until mined that "In our did distinguish not between and God!"
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ment.

Then Arthur sang and tical hymn to a medient nation of horns and tan It was clear that these that clear why they all been ed into believing that the beckoning from the deep Davies' accompanying it would not have been weltermine that the Anidentered the fray.

It won. They lost. The Once again, most images cast on the some spare and unevocation though a thousand depicting Hell is available good bookstore.

and graceful texture that other considerations. If drowned out by the im orchestral writing neu

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'The Secret Marriage' continues

The Berkeley Opera continues its performances of Domenico Cimarosa's *The Secret Marriage* at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley.
Highly comic, highly tuneful,

the opera runs April 9, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and April 25 at 2 p.m.

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Morgan made two questionable decisions going into it, but neither hurt him much in the event. The choral parts are for adult chorus, including the full range of voices from soprano to bass. Yet Morgan invited the Piedmont Boys and Girls Choir. It's a group with a stellar reputation, but it's a treble choir. To provide some tenors and basses, Morgan brought in about a dozen men from other choral groups.

The other decision was to eliminate the quartet of soloists who introduce the choral section, assigning their roles to the choirs.

Even with the addition of the pickup men, the choral sound was not what the piece calls for, but the choirs produced a very pure

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By Maggie Sharpe

Preparing your home for sale has much in common with preparing yourself for a job interview. First impressions count for a lot. Springtime, specifically April through June, account for some 40 percent of annual home sales. If you're already in the business of trying to sell your home, that doesn't leave much time for major repairs or creating a new outdoor look, but there's still lots of small, but crucial, things that can be done to attract the eye of the buyer.

"Buyers want property that they can move right into," says Carol Cohen of Better Homes Realty in Montclair. "Nowadays, people are working harder and have less time. They want to move in and do as little as possible. Therefore, the home should be in shipshape condition — clean and streamlined."

Cosmetic touches won't sell your home if the foundation is sagging or the termites have taken over, but they will be enough to spark the buyers' interest to find out more.

The great outdoors

Don Kinkead of Realty Advo-cates in Oakland says that the en-try way to your home speaks vol-umes even before the potential buyer has crossed the threshold of your home

buyer has crossed the threshold of your home.

"Clean up the yard by trimming bushes, weeding the garden and mowing the lawn," he says. "If a fence needs repair, take the time to do it. And paint the fence to sharpen up the exterior appearance of your home."

Another quick fix for a dull exterior, says Marlene Leverette of Templeton Company in Berkeley, is to purchase colorful spring flowers and hanging plants that immediately transform the look of the home.

the home.

"And wash the windows," adds Leverette. "It sounds like a little thing, but it makes a big difference in the look of the property

and it doesn't cost anything."

Look for obvious problems too and make repairs. For example, a leaky downspout should be cleared and cleaned. Major cracks and holes in window grouting, walls and driveways may be easily the Rocken screens can be repairable. Broken screens can be repaired or replaced or simply removed altogether.

Moving on and in

A fresh coat of paint works wonders on interior walls and is

not expensive, says Leverette. Choose a light color such as white or cream for a fresh and airy look. Paint often works better than wall-paper so, time permitting, peel the paper and replace with a cheery resint job.

paper and replace with a cheery paint job.

Realtors often supply their clients with lists of problems that should receive attention. Most recommend that attention be paid to the condition of floors through. recommend that attention be paid to the condition of floors throughout the home. If carpets are dirty, steam cleaning will transform them in the course of a few hours.

"If carpets are just too tired," suggests Cohen, and there are hardwood floors underneath, "simply pull them up and get rid of them."

It's not just the cracke leake

It's not just the cracks, leaks

and squeaks that can deter the hopeful buyer, but also that demon, Clutter.

Don Kinkead says simply, "Put things away. Provide a neat and orderly framework for your home, one that de-emphasizes your personal lifestyle and allows the potential buyer to visualize him or herself living there.

"For example, if you have ornaments on your vanity table, push them into one corner out of the way. You can still see the table, but the cluttered feeling is minimized."

To help in the quest to eliminate clutter, Carol Cohen suggests renting a public storage spot and using it to stem the overflow of "stuff" in your home.

Realtor Profile

Name: Don Kinkead

Title: Sales Associate with Realty Advocates, Alcatraz Avenue, Oakland.

Family: Wife, Bobbie, and two children, son Kirby and daughter Brauley.

Career: A native of the East Bay, Don graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in sociology. After a career as a social worker, he owned and managed income property in the East Bay for eight years before launching his current career in residential real estate sales. He is a member of the Oakland Association of Realtors and is working towards GRI certification.

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Local builders earn CGR designation

Fred Brasch and Dave Lorber, owners of Superior Homes in Oakland, were honored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Remodelors (COuncil for earning the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) designation.

NAHB Remodelor's Council

1992 Chairman Jim Merrill, CGR, acknowledged the graduates at a cermony during NAHB's annual convention held last month in Las Vegas. The firm of Brasch and Lorber is now one of only 333 remodelers in the country with the CGR designation.

Superior Homes has been de-

signing, building, and remodeling homes in the East Bay since 1947. The NAHB Remodelor's Council, a division of the National Association of Home Builders, represents more than 15,000 member firms active in residential and commercial remodeling.

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Couple's compromise let them plan for the long term numbers. She emerged after a time and called the buyers. They agreed to meet us that night at a certain house, bigger and more expensive than those we'd considered. He arrived first, walked in the front door, took one look at the Number 5 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

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When we sat down together to

good or better, we returned to the partnership.

When we sat down together to construct an offer, something was missing. We should have been exhilarated but all four of us were flat. We were attending to the business at hand when a most revealing thing was said: "We won't have to live there forever, honey. Probably in three years we can move."

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"Wait," Anet and I both said rather loudly. "NO! Please don't buy something that you're already moving out of. It's too hard. It's too expensive. You need to want what you are buying."

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and said, "It's so big! But we can't afford it."

It was within their reach if they were willing to share the space with someone else. The floor plan of this house fell easily into two. They ended up buying it. They bought it and rented out the lower floor. It's an inconvenience but it

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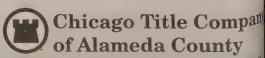
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notice a world of difference right away.

A globe valve is a very restrictive valve. It moves a little black washer on the end of the valve stem against a small orifice inside the valve body in order to close off the water supply.

When you turn the handle counterclockwise to open the valve, the handle screws out of the body and the washer moves away from the valve seat.

Even when in a fully open position, the water flowing through the valve is forced through this small orifice, a hole about one-quarter of an inch in diameter. This type of valve is fine for sink faucets, hosebibs or washing machine hookups, but it's not intended to serve the water heater.

On the other hand, a gate valve is an excellent twee of valve to

serve the water heater.

On the other hand, a gate valve is an excellent type of valve to serve the water heater. With a gate valve, when you turn the handle counterclockwise to open the valve, when handle does not screw out of the body. A sliding gate built inside the valve moves to an open position. This feature allows the full diameter of the valve to serve as its opening.

Most water heater supply pipes are three-quarters of an inch in diameter, so the valve would need to be a three-quarter-inch valve in order to permit maximum volume to the water heater.

The actual difference between

to the water heater.

The actual difference between these two valves is that a gate valve is 10 times larger in area for a water flow than a globe valve. No wonder it works so much better at providing water for more than one fixture.

A quick viewal lock at your

than one fixture.

A quick visual look at your water heater will tell you what kind of valve you have: Does the handle move in and out when you turn it? If yes, you need to switch to a gate valve.

Gate valves are available at hardware stores, or you can call a plumbing contractor to make the change for you.

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Designers (ASID), California th Chapter, continues its series angrams to assist fire survi-

Right Choice," scheduled for Sat-urday, May 8, 1-5 p.m. at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, will focus on subjects from lighting to floor covering, window treatments to

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Cold shower points to broken tube

Q: I don't think we have a big enough water heater. After a few minutes in the shower, the hot water turns cool. I've turned up the heater temperature all the way, and that hasn't helped. Do we need larger than a 40-gal-

A: We've inspected 30,000 homes and we've never found a case where a home had a water heater that was too small. In fact,

heater that was too small. In fact, most houses are equipped with far greater hot-water capacity than an average family could ever need.

A 40-gallon unit should accommodate three people taking shower one right after the other. It's likely that you are experiencing a different problem: a broken din tube

Here's a quick explanation of ow a water heater operates. It's

basically a big tank, about 16 inches in diameter and 48 inches tall. At the bottom of the tank is a gas burner that heats the water.

Hot water naturally rises to the top of the tank, while the colder water settles to the bottom. When you use hot water, it is drawn off the top of the tank, where the hot water is toped.

the top of the tank, where the hot water is stored.

Also inside the tank is a plastic dip tube that runs from the incoming cold water pipe connection at the top of the water heater to within six inches of the bottom of the tank.

If the dip tube is cracked or broken off from the connection at the cold water inlet, the cold water is not delivered to the bottom of the tank. It is allowed to mix with

is not delivered to the bottom of the tank. It is allowed to mix with the hot and dilute its heat. If a water heater appears to be in working order, but hot water turns cold after only three to five minutes, the most likely culprit is a broken dip tube.

The water heater does not have to be replaced to correct this problem; a new dip tube can be installed. Consider, though, the age of the water heater. Most don't last more than 15 years. If you decide to install a new dip tube, call in a competent plumber. It is a more difficult task than the average doit-yourselfer can handle.

it-yourselfer can handle.

Q: If anyone else in my house turns on the water while I'm taking a shower, I'm left high and dry. Do we have a serious plumbing problem?

A: Losing water at one faucet when another is turned on is a common situation in production-built homes, especially those that were built before 1970. Although at first glance this may appear to be a problem with water pressure, what's actually at fault is insufficient water volume.

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This tastefully renovated 3BIO₂-BA home offers bleached hardwood floors, formal
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Nestled in the Piedmont hills, this custom home offers maximum privacy as seclusion. 2BD/1+BA, den, formal dining, serene carryon view. Martha Hols

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This sun-filled home is situated on oversized lot with a gorgeous landscap yard, 3BD/2BA, updated kitchen, formal DR, fam. rm., great location. Wyr

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Multi-level 6BD home with flexible floor plan. Formal dining, large rec room with bar
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Well-maintained home with excellent floor plan for family and entertaining, 3BD/2BA including master suite, updated kitchen, private deck and patio. Roselie Woods

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Real Estate Mailbox

Real Estate Editor:

I am responding to the home improvement column "Protect your home from termites" in the March 23 Montclarion. The help-ful advice offered needs two additions: first, methyl bromide poisonous gas used in fumigation is extremely hazardous to people and to the ozone layer, and new formulations using two-thirds carbon dioxide are available.

Do not hire a pesticide service that does not use the new formula approved in 1992 (after a death from fumigation).

Secondly, there are now available many other alternatives for preventing and dealing with termites besides the expensive "quick fix" of fumigation. These approaches include manipulating

building temperatures (hot or cold), use of microwaves, electrical current, nitrogen gas, and preventative measures such as sand barriers and borate application. Methyl bromide which is 60 times as damaging to the ozone layer as CPCs is being phased out of production by the year 2000.

For more information on alternatives to methyl bromide or to foundation poisons, contact BIRC (Bio-Integral Resource Center, P.O. Box 7414, Berkeley, 94707 or call (510) 524-2567).

This remarkable center led by Dr. William and Olga Olkowski (who co-founded Integral Urban House) compiles and publishes the most comprehensive pest management research and practices available. For instance, their 1993 Winter issue of the Common

Sense Pest Control Quarterly is devoted to non-toxic control of termites. This is the only place I have ever found systematic research on the efficacy of home remedies for pest control — after reading their publications I discovered that a deep freeze is more helpful for controlling wool moths that a cedar closet!

During the 15 years I have read their publications and consulted by phone, I have had invaluable help in finding less toxic ways to reduce the snails, slugs and other pests in my garden, and the ants, fleas, wool moths in my home. And if I ever get cockroaches, I know how to fight back!

Finding right agent is top priority

By John Hatten

Whether you're a first-time buyer, selling your current home or relocating to a different part of the country, the support of a quali-fied, knowledgeable real estate agent can alleviate many of your concerns and ensure a smooth

concerns and ensure a smooth transaction.

A professional agent can market your present residence, help you locate the home of your dreams and assist in making your transfer to an unfamiliar area easier.

To find a trained sales associate or broker, you may need to look no further than your own neighborhood or home town. If a well-established brokerage is involved in many listings and sales, this is a good sign. Speak with some of the agent's part customers about the quality and integrity of service and performance. Successful real estate agents rely heavily on customer referrals and will therefore strive to provide the very best in customer service and satisfaction.

Set up appointments to 'interview' agents and brokers much like an employer would interview a prospective employee. Inquire about their training, marketing programs and specific service policies. Also determine how

many years of experience they have, the number of listings they have had, and the number of homes they have sold within the past few years. More importantly, find out how well they know the area. Ask for references, and check them out.

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Your goal is to determine just how knowledgeable the agents are. Question them on financing, closing costs and/or local market conditions, depending on whether you're a prospective home buyer or seller, to determine their expertise. If they know their stuff, they should be able to answer your muestions effortlessly. questions effortlessly.

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If you're selling your home, learn what they will do if you decide to list with them. How do they plan to market your home?

Will they requid a very the control of the plan to market your home? Will they provide you wit a market analysis to help you determine the most effective listing price for your property? Will they supply regular progress reports and assist

with negotiations once you're received offers?

If you are relocating to a different part of the country, is your agent connected with a national relocation service that will not only expose your present property to incoming transferees, but assist with your search for a new house?

Ask for a written guarantee that everything promised will be delivered.

A qualified real estate agent should be able to answer all your questions and provide you with quality service that is courteous and responsive.

Finding the right person may take time and patience, but when purchasing or selling a home, the selection of a dependable agent should be tops on your list.

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If a property owner wants to build a house larger than 2,800 square feet, the plans must go through the "bulk review" process within the CRDC's Planning Division.

As part of the review process, a notice will be sent to all owners who have property within 300 feet of the parcel's exterior boundary. A decision will be made by CRDC's staff within 20 working days of receiving a complete application.

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For more specific information about the S-14 regulations or to set up an appointment to discuss the "bulk review" process, contact the Planning Division of the Community Restoration Development Center at 238-6000.

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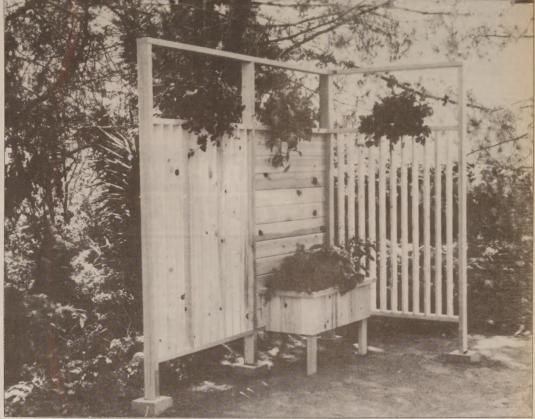
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictibious business name Park Avenue Limousine at 2259 San Ramon Valley Bilvd, San Ramon, CA 94583.

The fictibious business name referred to above was filled in Contra Costa County on 3-3-39 under file number 91-3135.

1. David Hartson, 361 Meadowood Cr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Signature: David Hartson.
This statement was filled with the County Clerk of Contra Casta County on March 3, 1993.
Publish The Journal, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 93-1771 The following person is doing business as Gloria 3. Tejero interior Designer, 55 Marguerita Rd, Kensingtion, CA 94707. Glona S. Tejero, 55 Marguerita Rd , Kensing-on, CA 94707.

, CA 94707.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con

Costa County on March 18, 1993.

Publish The Journal April 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 93-1737 The following persons are doing business as Tsi

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2225, in Snyder, 1537 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA

94530-2225.
This business is conducted by an Individual,
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 17, 1993.
Publish The Journal April 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 93-1333

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land, CA 94612.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 1, 1993.
Publish The Journal April 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 93-1534 The following persons are doing business as Best of Friends Catering, 4842 Berk Ave., Richmond, Ag-4804 Caron Rainey, 4842 Berk Ave., Richmond, CA 4804

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